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## NEWS SUMMARY

**GENERAL**  
**Carter delays nuclear Bill**

President Jimmy Carter has delayed the introduction of a bill to speed up the construction of nuclear power plants. The bill, which would allow the federal government to guarantee loans to private companies building reactors, was expected to be introduced in the House of Representatives next week. However, Carter's administration has decided to postpone the bill until after the end of the year.

**Daily Mirror hit again**

The production of the Daily Mirror in London was disrupted again when members of the National Union of Journalists held meetings after the failure of the Sunday Mirror. The union's leaders said that the newspaper's management had failed to meet their demands for better pay and conditions.

**Slimming aids**

Almost half the population uses slimming products, a survey has found. The survey, conducted by a market research firm, found that 45 per cent of women and 15 per cent of men use some form of slimming aid, such as diet pills or exercise equipment.

**Stagg body taken**

The body of Frank Stagg, a 30-year-old man who disappeared in 1975, has been found. The body was discovered in a field near his home in Ireland. Stagg had been reported missing after he left his home to go to work.

**Pupils' cooler**

Every council in England and Wales should be required to provide a cooler for its pupils, a report has found. The report, issued by a committee of the National Association of Head Teachers, says that the lack of coolers is a health hazard for children.

**Wigan's 13-2 nap**

Dominic Wigan ended the flat season by hitting a century (13-2) and a five-run partnership with Ian Botham to help Lancashire beat Warwickshire by 100 runs.

**Children hurt**

Five children were taken to hospital last night after an old cinema collapsed at Ammanford, Carmarthenshire. The cinema, which was built in 1910, had been used for storage and was not designed to be occupied.

**Thought for food**

Restaurant of the year in the world is the Ritz in London, according to a poll. The Ritz was named as the best restaurant in the world for the 10th year running. It was chosen by a panel of judges from 100 different countries.

**£50,000 winner**

The weekly £50,000 Premier bond prize was won by 822,102,077. The winner lives in Belfast.

**World round-up**

**London:** Labour has accepted the Tories' offer to let the London Underground be run by a private company. The Tories have offered to let the Underground be run by a private company for 25 years. Labour has accepted the offer, but will not let the Tories have a say in the company's management.

**Paris:** Rene Gosselin, 51, creator of the cartoon character Asterix, has died of a heart attack. He was 51 years old.

**Houston:** Guy Lombardo, bandleader, died aged 75 after an operation on his heart.

**New York:** Voters go to the polls tomorrow to choose a mayor. The mayor will have to solve problems of bankruptcy, high unemployment and a crippling welfare load.

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**BUSINESS**  
**Package fails to boost confidence**

GOVERNMENT'S package of improved tax allowances and extra public spending announced last month has had little impact on business confidence so far, according to the latest Financial Times survey of business opinion. Optimism about prospects for the economy and for individual companies seems to have waned a little since the summer, although it is more buoyant than a year ago. There is concern about the slow growth of world trade and about pressure for higher pay, but there are stronger hopes for a rise in capital investment. Back and Page 8.

**PRICES** of raw materials continue to rise sharply. Increases notified to the Institute of Purchasing and Supply averaged 2.01 per cent last month, compared with 3.69 per cent in September. Back Page 7.

**ALL INDUSTRIALISED** countries should take steps to boost growth, according to economists. The World Bank's latest report, issued in Washington, says that the world economy is slowing down and that industrialised countries should take steps to boost growth.

**STEEL RECISSION** hits rail freight traffic

BRITISH RAIL now seems unlikely to handle its freight traffic. The railway's freight traffic has fallen by 10 per cent in the last three months. This is due to a recession in the steel industry, which has led to a fall in demand for steel products.

**NEW EFFORT** will be made to resolve a strike of 2,000 workers on Merseyside. The workers are striking over a dispute over pay and conditions.

**TEACHERS** are planning to seek substantial pay increases to restore the value of a 1974 award which treated them as a special case. A strike of teachers is being threatened.

**COAL BOARD** is likely to make a new appeal to miners' leaders this week to keep talking on ways of boosting coal output. The Coal Board has been unsuccessful in its previous appeals.

**BRITISH AIRWAYS** is investigating the long-term possibility of replacing airliners with helicopters on relatively short routes, such as between London and Birmingham. The airline has been encouraged by the success of its helicopter services to the Isles.

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## Peace plan falters as Smith disputes Carver's optimism

BY TONY HAWKINS, SALISBURY, RHODESIA, NOV. 6

The Anglo-U.S. peace plan for Rhodesia is in dire trouble. Optimistic remarks made to-day by Lord Carver, the British Resident Commissioner-designate, after 100 minutes of talks with Mr. Ian Smith and senior Ministers, were quickly countered by a tough statement from the Rhodesia Government.

Lord Carver said as he left Salisbury for Gaborone in Botswana that there was "a broad measure of agreement" over the Anglo-U.S. proposals by all parties to the dispute. These include the Rhodesian Government and—more surprisingly—the Patriotic Front, which has publicly rejected the terms on several occasions.

But Mr. Smith declared "that while there was wide agreement on the desirability of a cease-fire and a political settlement, most, if not all, of the highly complicated questions of how this should be achieved remained unresolved."

Mr. Smith went on: "In this respect there is no measure of agreement, nor is there any agreement on the final form that the constitution should take. Furthermore, no progress has been made on the future role and composition of the security forces."

There was a general air of pessimism in Rhodesian Government quarters. Ministers who served in this morning's talks were said to be "seriously concerned" about what they called the Field Marshal's "apparent lack of understanding" of the complicated nature of the political situation both inside and outside Rhodesia.

The Rhodesian Ministers were "dismayed" at what they called the attitude of appeasement "to the Nkomo/Mugabe Patriotic Front which had caused the failure of the Geneva talks last year."

These comments certainly suggest that there will have to be radical changes of heart on one side or another if the Owen settlement plan is going to remain viable.

Earlier to-day Lord Carver argued that there was agreement on the eventual aim of majority rule, though he conceded that the Rhodesians were still "in some quarters" an obvious reference to Mr. Smith—about the form of the franchise. There was agreement, too, he said, that there must be "free and fair" elections.

Rhodesian officials say that this claim by Lord Carver is difficult to reconcile with the attitude being adopted by the Patriotic Front, which they say is reluctant to see elections unless it can wield power during the transitional period.

Lord Carver had also found agreement that there must be a transitional period and a transitional regime. Before this could be brought about there must be a cease-fire, he said, and general agreement had been reached on this point. But he admitted there was no agreement on the franchise, on what happens during the transitional period and on the question of what happens when the cease-fire is achieved.

Asked what he would do next, Lord Carver said he would continue to work for a settlement, but he would not be able to do so unless the Rhodesian Government and the Patriotic Front were able to reach an agreement.

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## Engineers work to reopen power stations

BY ALAN PIKE, LABOUR CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR ENGINEERS last night began taking over the jobs of power workers, whose unofficial action is causing widespread blackouts after a decision by the Central Electricity Generating Board to reopen some of the large stations which have been crippled by the dispute.

The Board's action is part of a "tough" policy which it hopes will isolate the unofficial leaders of the dispute and force an early return to work by the majority of power workers.

It follows last week's decision to stop the pay of any man who refused to work normally. Senior engineers, members of the Engineers and Managers Association, last week offered to help maintain power supplies but the Board avoided using them for fear of aggravated relations between management and manual workers in power stations.

Mr. Gil Blackman, CEBG member for operations, said yesterday that if the decision to allow engineers to take over manual work had not been taken yesterday, power cuts this week could have reached the 30 per cent level. The Board hopes that the use of the engineers will enable cuts to be kept at about 20 per cent of last week's level.

The engineers, said Mr. Blackman, knew that after the dispute they would have to live with the people whom they are trying to defeat, but the situation had now deteriorated to a point at which they were needed. About 200 EMA members will take over manual work and they will initially reopen four of the ten stations closed by the dispute.

It is apparent that one reason for the Board's firm approach is a fear that unless the dispute is ended there will be further disruption and threats to the authority of official union leaders when negotiations begin on the power workers' annual pay claim.

This was made clear yesterday to the men involved in the action. The Board emphasised its determination to negotiate only with official unions and added that nothing would be gained by dealing with the unofficial group "since the Board understands that the present claims are simply the first instalment of a much larger list on which disputes could continue right through the winter."

The Board pointed out that apart from causing misery and inconvenience to millions of consumers the dispute was putting up the Board's costs by £1m a day "which will mean more costly electricity for all."

The National Joint Negotiating Committee for the electricity industry—the official body on which the Board's management are represented—will meet in London to-day while the shop stewards who are organising the unofficial action meet in Doncaster.

Men involved in the dispute at working travel allowances—on which an offer was made last week—shift payments and cheap electricity.

Lynton McLain, Industrial

## Courtaulds seeks aid to save jobs at Aintree nylon plant

BY RHY'S DAVID, TEXTILES CORRESPONDENT

COURTAULDS IS to seek employed—and shut the least efficient parts of the plant. The company has also made major cuts in other centres of its business over the past year. It has shut a number of plants with the loss of some 4,000 jobs. The Liverpool area, a major weaving plant at Skelmersdale, has been closed and 1,500 jobs disappeared.

Several Courtaulds plants are already being supported by Temporary Employment Subsidy, although the exact number of employees covered is not known. The Prime Minister disclosed to a deputation from the Amalgamated Textile Workers' Union last week that textiles and clothing were among the main recipients of the subsidy. He also said urgent consideration was being given by the Government about what should happen after April, when the scheme is due to end.

Courtaulds warned that without the subsidy it will be forced to cut back considerably on nylon production at Aintree—where more than 2,000 are seen it through until the long-

**U.K. may repay some loans early**

By Peter Riddell, Economics Correspondent

THE GOVERNMENT is considering the early repayment of some of the U.K.'s large foreign borrowings. This is likely to be on a modest scale in the immediate future and to represent mainly portfolio management and improving the profile of the debt rather than a major change in reserves policy.

However, the Government is considering the repayment before the due date of some of the high interest fixed coupon public sector borrowing arranged in 1973, and also the possibility of refinancing with new loans. These would fall due after the main repayment bump in the early 1980s.

This programme has already started, as shown by the early repayment of \$300m by the South of Scotland Electricity Board last month. Another \$50m is due in December.

Public-sector overseas debt, due before 1985, now totals \$20bn, and the Bank of England has argued that repayment of this should get priority from the expected current account surplus.

The scale of the early repayment is not expected to be affected by last week's decision to free the exchange rate. The latter is likely to be one of the topics discussed at the meeting of central bankers in Basel to-day and to-morrow, along with the general weakness of the dollar and the instability of currency markets in recent weeks.

The question of early repayment of the larger loans will almost certainly move up the Government's agenda next year. An obvious candidate would be the \$1.2bn International Monetary Fund oil facility, since it involves higher interest rates than other Fund drawings. But there is an onerous to repay early because of restrictive conditions.

The Government is taking a cautious attitude to large-scale repayment partly because it is concerned about the size of the reserves. It is reluctant to remove medium-term borrowings when the short-term liabilities which could be withdrawn if sentiment changed.

Moreover there are practical difficulties in the early repayment of some of the debt raised abroad by nationalised industries and local authorities, since in certain cases there

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## West warns Japanese shipbuilders

BY IAN HARGREAVES, SHIPPING CORRESPONDENT

JAPANESE shipbuilders will be warned in Tokyo to-day that the West is co-operating in the slump in demand. But it is orderly contraction of the industry, they will find themselves in a catastrophic race for a great deal of work still to do to push the Japanese into further government-backed cuts in the developing countries.

This latest finger-wagging at the Japanese, who are blamed for the West for the expansion of shipbuilding aspirations of Third capacity to absurd levels in the World countries. It acknowledges that some of these aspirations must be accepted, but the Shipbuilders' Association of Japan and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development might lead to expansion of shipbuilding.

The Association of West European Shipbuilders will present a memorandum to the meeting which it hopes will alarm the Japanese. It shows that Japan's share of the world order book in June this year was down to 30 per cent, the same share as that of the Third World countries and the Comecon bloc combined and less than the 40 per cent of the 13 countries in AWES.

Japan is believed to be particularly active in a number of possible shipbuilding developments in the Philippines and Indonesia.

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**Problem**

The Japanese are likely to give this latest plea from Europe a polite but cool reception. They feel that in agreeing to raise their prices 5 per cent in response to OECD pressure earlier this year they took action more substantial than that proposed in most European countries.

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**Selling**

Since June the Japanese order book of 13.7m. gross tons has shrunk to just over 11m. This order book share contrasts with Japan's 55 per cent share of new orders last year.

The implication is that even though Japan has been selling ships hard at low prices, it is not improving its long-term future.

The memorandum also gives a new and gloomier than usual prediction of likely world demand of 10m. gross tons in 1979-80. On present trends world shipbuilding capacity in that year will be at least three times that figure.

The association suggests that this means a balance between supply and demand will not be restored until the mid-1980s—several years later than was previously forecast.

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# Salome by MAX LOPERT

We cannot help compare it to the original *Wings* which, with all its warlike details and wicked devices, is a performance of sublime (the phrase was Harry Kribbler's, after the New York premiere). Yet even such a stirring revival of the piece, as the Royal Opera put on last Thursday, is not the same thing as the new *Wings* which, for all its warlike details, is made, how cunningly the mixture of expressionism, domestic comedy and erotic violence, how competent its range of effects. It may be no more possible than usual to express the power, or the emotion, for the craft, more or less denied him. But yet, at least, as had these members of the original 1933 cast, with which to work (the production is no longer ascribed to August Everding, Charles Hamilton being no longer as producer). Certain notes will always strain Timony's opinion but, for all that, even in this revival, what is most about the performance is the completeness with which the whole impression of the role is now given. Partly it is due a sharpened edge in the verbal delivery, partly to a greatly widened range of the colours, applied with particular cool beauty, and a little more of the feeling notes that give the Baptist's first utterances, those, and in Norman Bailey's delivery and denunciation as

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The most striking things were happening as they should, in the pit. This is no-way intended to slight the Paddy's singing, acting, and dancing, but to emphasize his complete absorption with which he watched her daughter fondle her head was just one suggestive touch of a well-considered staging.

Of the newcomers, Paddy Crook's Harod was impressive for eschewing obvious, far-boyant devices, for colouring the music with a voice of individual character not always lacking enough for Hadda Hadda as grotesque as Jeff Crook's as young Mims, a part that nevertheless shone. Shattered. There were lyrical, treble-produced singing from Robin Leggett's Narrabone and quick vivacious in the Paddy of Ann Murray. One wants spotlight in turn—a succession of deftly executed small parts: the Paddy's daughter, the First Jew, Malcolm King, vigorous. First Soldier—Forbes Robinson's imposing Paddy Nazarene must be allowed stand out: The death of Salome is at last as the Harod's—she is crushed to death—this is done with a gruesome skill. Altogether, a splendid, highly charged evening.

# Warehouse

## Factory Birds

by B. A. YOUNG

James Robson's play is set in a factory that makes some small component for hen batteries, and three-quarters of it consists of background material. The young workmen think of nothing but sex and football, with the accent heavily on sex. The older workmen remember their days in the war, talk of their gardens and compare their generation favourably with the younger one. Behind a glass pane, in the National in Marylebone's seat are four girl secretaries.

Among the younger men two stand out, "Nazzer" (Roger Kees) is the leader of all indiscipline, a noisy, idle man; and Mick (Hilford McKelie) is the revenge, quiet and dreamy, yet in the interest of the sexless earth. When the plot first surfaces, which is at the end of the first act, it is seen that he secretly fancies Evie, the prettiest of the girls (Pippa Guard).

At the start of the second act, Evie has been found raped in a wood, and the police have been called for thinking that Mick may have

been responsible. This leads to the only scene in the play of real dramatic quality, when he is interrogated by the police. McKelie plays this scene of notable sensitivity, his inner conflict with the sex sense greatly enhanced in him by detective (John Napier).

Mick is brought into the foreground again at the end of play, but by means so patently artificial, so much at odds with what we have seen till then that it couldn't help feeling Robson had been desperate and some way of making itself heard. It is finished by a scene, for there is enough in the play to fill act. The most telling lines those in which the men compare how slowly the time passes it does for us, too.

Bill Alexander as the director gives us rather a rough look, movement of some of the going on everywhere all the time is like an opportunity arising of any depth, but various types are presented convincingly enough.

Elizabeth Hall  
City of London Cho

by ARTHUR JACOBS

It might be thought audacious if John McCabe to compose a *Sabat Mater*, thus inviting comparison with the famous older settings by Palestrina, Dvorak and others. But in a sense it is he opposite of audacious: for he writes: "Reference to ancient religious texts permits the modern British composer to lodge the challenge of selecting modern, secular words, which might provoke or even annoy listeners but would certainly not allow a further response."

Accepting its first London hearing on Saturday evening's concert by the City of London Choir, McCabe's setting calls for a soprano solo and orchestral accompaniment. For the lover of such lowly works as the *Requiem* of Albi and the *Oratorios* on a theme of Karl Amadeus Hartmann, the music is surprisingly tame and reserved. Since the programme is by its lack of a Latin or Greek text to allow listeners to treat of medieval poem, it seems scarcely pointing out that he has the important word *Requiem* (recollect) with a false accent.

Donald Cashmore, singing of the Choir, gave a few former, but a particular flourish, the voices and violins of the London Orchestra, sufficiently to the gloom-splendour solo to make full effect. As if this were catching, the solo clearly began in a manner and expressive that have learned to expect from Brahms's *Song of Daphne* (again, with no words in the German), though the soloist, though the Choir, singing such a singing accent. But it is short of power.

About 80 members, it should be able to deliver the sections with more force at very soft sections without tone going "dead." More and variety are shown.

Mozart's *Requiem*, from Miss Lott was ably joined Margaret Cable, Kenneth and Ian Gaddy. The event as a whole must have gratified the friends and fans of the amateur chorists selves.

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**Bob Peck as Papa in a scene with fellow Communards**

# Aldwych

## The Days of the Commune

by MICHAEL COVENEY

Brecht's documentary play about this crucial European phenomenon was written in 1948-49, never finally revised by him and, after initial production in 1956, famously staged by the Berliner Ensemble in 1962. The account of the Paris Commune dates from the uprising on January 22, 1871 (at which point the British and the French fired on French for the first time) to the burning of the city by Thiers's troops on May 23.

Brecht's basic point, an obvious one, is that the destruction of the Commune was a convenient way for the arrival at a Peace Treaty between Bismarck and the Versailles Convention. He is no less dubious about the way the Commune was run than latter-day historians such as Alistair Horne. But he responds poetically to the heroism of the Communards just as Marx and Lenin did in their blue print for international revolution.

The events of history are reflected in a microcosm of ordinary life. The first half of this translation by Clive Barker and Arno Reinfrank succeeds brilliantly in illuminating how faction in the National Guard initially manages to bolster the defence of Paris under siege, turned itself into an independent revolutionary force.

The key figure is Jean (Greg Hicks), a young fresh-faced worker whose military ardour has an ambition broader than simply greedy survival. Jean possesses a pure Marxist vision while Brecht, paradoxically, gives

brighter, more sympathetic characterisation to the impatient Communist Papa (Bob Keefe) and the divisive brother-in-law Philippe (Mike Gwilym and David Howey). Francois is a physicist training to be a priest, while Philippe is a baker with (for to-day) an ironic sense of professional responsibility: "I don't want to strike because we're a necessity!"

While Papa advocates a march on Versailles (an argument reflected at Committee level by the mad Raoul Rigault) to end the displaced Communards and appropriate the wealth, another member of the little café community, Langevin (Ian McKellen), an elected representative to the Central Committee, agitates for the nationalisation of the Bank of France and the Bank of the Rhine. By this stage in the play, we have been introduced to the Committee in session, complete with red sashes, as they discuss practicalities. Confusion and disagreement reign: the vote is doomed from the start. In the background, the Iron Chancellor Bismarck grows increasingly impatient with Favre at Versailles and demands the suppression of the Commune. The final, crunching scenes of apocalypse achieve sharp poignancy in the detail with which the fictional Montmartre community has been described and the richness with which Brecht sketches the fatal hesitancy of the inexperienced Committee.

Favre gives the go-ahead to the bloodthirsty Thiers personified with icy detachment and rumbling indignation by Richard

Griffiths. Howard Davies's production, however sadly lacking in authoritative strokes of staging to highlight the play's strongest moments — what, for instance, is the fate of the ex-Communist who returns disguised as a spring nun — is nonetheless at what comes to the fore in the evening. Brecht requires the presence of Thiers is of a correctly different stage temperature to that of, say, Papa or Langevin. And, in the Committee itself, the notion of Rigault — "With our sword we have the right to use terror!" — is clarified with chilling precision by Ian McKellen.

The music for the three songs is provided by Douglas Jarman and David Keefe, and it must say I would have preferred to hear the Eisler settings. The songs are very badly sung, a weakness symptomatic of the company's overall lack of confidence in the material. Some of the set-pieces are really botched, none more so than the hilarious mimicry of Bismarck and Thiers by Papa and Francoise at the celebratory dinner of horsemeat stew on the night of March 19.

Chris Dyer's design supplies the regulation red flag, the dominating canon, the extra-durist period costumes and a screen

show which re-enacts the agreed scenes of the insurrection and, later on, of the assault mounted by Thiers. But evening lacks the sort of urgency needed to overcome the ender British resistance to this kind of theatre, and the superbly danced reaches a nadir. Paola Dionisotti's Liza Dodd appearance as Women's representative to the Committee, Moriarty is a fine narrator, looks foolish in his dreadful and false hair.

That said, the Royal Shakespeare Company deserves real thanks for presenting first main-house Brecht at Puntilla in 1965. This first premiere allays all doubts with this piece. Brecht was a declining act, a mercenary through the political motif. The organisation of the scenic strands—in Monmouth in the Committee and in European powerhouse Bismarck Favre, Thiers and Bank of France — is superbly done. The play stands as a masterpiece of selective dramatisation and anyone who believes that Brecht's responses to great convulsions of European history are merely Pavlovian Marxist should hear of the dustbin along.

**Sadler's Wells Theatre**

**Ezio** by RONALD CRICHTON

Once you get the taste for them, the conventions of opera seria are not difficult to accept. In the case of Handel, the strength and eloquence of the music arouse sympathy for the predicaments in which his godly, royal or merely noble personages find themselves, however remote the outward trappings of opera plots in the age of Metastasio. All the same, the taste is unlikely to come without the stimulus of good performances. Few organisations have done more in the way of enlightenment than the Handel Opera Society, now giving their annual season at Sadler's Wells under the direction of Charles Farncombe.

The second of this year's offerings is Ezio, performed at the Kings Theatre, Haymarket, in 1732 but not revived since. The text, with some adaptation, is by Metastasio (in the November Musical Times, Reinhard Strobel identifies Rinaldo as *trionfatore* and a tragedy of Thomas Corneille as sources). The victorious general Ezio, after defeating Attila the Hun, is nearly defeated by the intrigues that confront him on his return to Rome and the court of the Emperor, Valentiniano. This ruler, having seduced the wife of the patrician Massimo, is pursuing his virtuous daughter Fulvia, who loves and is loved by Ezio. The Emperor's sister Onoria is also after Ezio. Massimo, who has come to feel dissatisfied, is a schemer. After painful scenes of treachery real and apparent and a spell in prison for the hero, the Emperor turns magnanimous (thus ensuring

notably good. The 18th century costumes are both gorgeous and proudly worn. Ezio is a string of contrasted da capo arias without ensembles or choruses (except when the principals join together at the end of the vaudeville-type finale). Though there are none of Handel's world-conquering tunes, the effect in the mass is imposing. The instrumentation is sober, but the strokes tell all the more surely when they come—for example, in one of Ezio's arias the hand-horns on stage answered by recorders in the orchestra.

Largely as a result of the work of the Handel Opera Society there is now a body of British singers able to perform Handel stylishly but naturally. The title role was written for the castrato contralto Senesino, whose range does not lie comfortably for modern mezzo-sopranos. In place of brilliance, Anne Wilkens brought direct, sincere expression and nobly poised singing—she is steadily winning a place in the phalanx of our leading mezzos. Hannah Francis as Fulvia offered extreme delicacy, delightful except when she fanned her tone almost to vanishing point. In Fulvia's last big aria, the octave leaps with trills at either end did not quite come off. They must be hard to do at the end of a long evening.

Anne Collins gloated in Onoria's wickedness, but raised Ezio, trained herself enough to make the character's sudden return to the path of virtue credible. As Varo, Prefect of the Guards, Ian Comboy's bluntness was convincing, though one may imagine that Handel's bass, Montagnana,

ing forgiveness for himself) and all ends happily.

Except that there are a few too many swishings round the stage by characters listening to or about to embark on arias, the producer Tom Hawkes hardly puts a foot wrong in this difficult territory—can this really be the same Hawkes who recently made a very mixed pudding out of *La Vie Parisienne*? He has been helped by the fluent, literate English translation of Tom Hammond, which does not discourage kindly smiles from the audience while positively encouraging the singing to deliver the recitatives with relish—to make recitatives in *opéra seria* entertaining as well as instructive is an achievement.


Mr. Hawkes has also been helped by the designs of Steven Gregory, who uses simple means to suggest imperial grandeur and court luxury. The prospect of the Palatine in deep perspective and the marbled prison are

Valentiniano arouses neither sympathy nor interest. The counter-tenor John Yorke Skinner sang his arias deftly, but with wily ill-centred and wretched askew—perpetually astonished—not Ezio but the imperial dresser should have been clapped into prison.

Almost the best performance of the evening came from Kenneth Bowen as Massimo, admirable in appearance and in delivery. For the record (Handel entirely uncut is for special occasions only) all the principals except the hero lost one aria apiece. I suspect, but would not swear to it, that Ezio and Fulvia each had one aria reduced to the first part only. There is one interval, after act one. The remaining two acts make a long sit, but the effort is worthwhile. Further performances to-morrow, Thursday and Saturday.

Curling is the traditional sport of Scotland with a history going back as far as the country's own. Although it is a new sport to many residents of Irvine, the rink at the Magnum has made it a popular favourite.

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**St. John's, Smith Square**  
**Musicanada**  
by DOMINIC GILL

MusicaCanada is an ambitious "festival presentation of contemporary Canadian music" mounted in London and Montreal this month, on the 17th of this month, on a budget of nearly £1m. Six concerts in each capital (five played by Canadian groups, and one by a resident orchestral) together present a total of 12 new Canadian works, plus European premieres, by 31 composers. "Read a book on Canada," the composer John Beckwith points out in his preface to the programme, "and you will find a little about music; read a book on music and you will find even less in it about Canada." We know little of Canadian music in Britain, and hear still less. For that reason

It could not truthfully be said that the festival got off to an exciting start at St. John's on Friday evening. The orchestral programme played by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Mario Bernardini (and recorded for transmission on Radio 3 on November 28) was encouraging, not much to whet the appetite. Tapestri a 13-minute score by Harry Freedman (b.1922), distorted material derived from Bach's "The Well-Tempered Clavier" blurted, an amiable Hollywood film-score pastiche. Murray Schafer's (b.1933) *Son of Heldenleben*, like the composer's *Allegro*, like a single sentence to his score (a single sentence).

Concerti No. 2 of Norima Becroft (b.1934) had little more than a powerfully-motivated technique to recommend it: short, stark and self-contained. The piano concerto by the Québecois Jacques Hétu (b.1938) was a big, serious, grandiloquent "concerto in the grand manner," hugely confident, hugely pretentious, played with élan by Robert Silverman. I liked the finale best: a complex, intricate, fully realized, and, in the manner of Bartok and Messiaen, *Allegretto* and *Messiaen* programme to-morrow night at St. John's, given by the Société de musique contemporaine du Québec, promises to sound, whether or not more substantial, at least more vivacious.

**Elizabeth Hall**  
**Fires of London**

Peter Maxwell Davies's ensemble of six musicians, first known as the Pierrot Players, more recently as The Fires of London, are by now so conscious of part of our music-consciousness, almost in addition to themselves, that we may be in danger of taking them too much for granted, or of passing them by. They are, at the very least, ever a welcome antidote to our drier, fustier corners of the new musical scene; at most—and at best—they are still an important virtuosic group, who are capable of giving, and regularly give, a most delightful quality.

The first half of their programme on Wednesday evening was a lightweight hors d'œuvre, delicately effervescent, immensely enjoyable: a little Davies arrangement for Pierrot ensemble of the early 17th-century *Kinloch his Fantasia*, bright and sweet—but beautiful without kitsch—and beautifully played; a short, six 18th-century *Scottish Dances*, arranged, distorted, fragmented and interspersed with commentaries, elegantly and with a certain quiet wit; by the Scots composer Ian McQueen; and a solo performance (in place of the Elliott Carter *Duo* originally announced) by the first of the *Fantasia* players, Stephen Pruslin of the *Banquet de la Falla*—an account made without much magic of the score, but with persuasive strengths of its own, rhythmic toughness, percussive clarity.

The evening's main work was one of the earliest, and still one of the most successful, and original of Davies's music-theatre pieces, *Eight Songs for a Mad King*—in a performance notable for much fine instrumental playing, and for the mis-casting of Michael Kippon in the vocal role. Mr. Kippon, alas, had an assumption from first to last almost wholly wrong. He played his Mad King for laughs: submerging the pathos of the part in a repertoire of fustian lunatic cliché, wide nods, crooked gestures, tics and twitches. He transferred the madness, and the anguish, of the piece from the voice to the eyes, from the voice to the body (where in this bland alternation between baritone and falsetto were the tight throat-tones, the high chords and screeches, remembered so well from past performances by Roy Hart and William Pearson?)

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## OVERSEAS NEWS

# Call for 'urgent action' by U.K. firms in S. Africa

BY BRIDGET BLOOM

A DETAILED programme of "urgent and immediate action" by British companies operating in South Africa which would go further than the Code of Conduct recently adopted by the Nine EEC members is called for in a report published to-day by Christian Concern for Southern Africa.

The report, containing a foreword by Mr. Jack Jones, leader of the Transport and General Workers Union, calls for the widespread encouragement of black trade unions, even when this action might earn companies the overt or covert opposition of the South African Government.

"Either companies make the necessary concessions now and learn to live and operate in a new climate, or they follow a path which must inevitably lead to the destruction of the private sector in South Africa," the report says.

Equally tough words come from Mr. Jones, who declares in his foreword that "too many of the British companies are willing participants in apartheid policies." Any attempt to help black workers to secure trade union rights must be commended, he says.

The report believes that it is in the long-term interest of companies operating in South Africa to encourage the formation of black trade unions, through which black workers could exer-

cise democratic rights at the work place.

In that this would aid black workers ultimately to find a power base in South Africa, the report enters the political arena and seems bound to be criticised by industry with South African connections.

However, the report points out that black unions are not illegal under South African law, and a good deal of discretion is given to companies wanting to encourage and negotiate with black unions at plant level.

Many companies, it says, have gone so far as to state publicly that they are prepared to negotiate with black trade unions "but in practice these declarations are so hedged around with conditions as to render them largely meaningless."

The programme is aimed not at companies setting up or doing the job of black trade unions—this would "destroy their effectiveness"—but at dismantling currently coercive and discriminatory machinery in the labour field and creating "an environment in which more open-ended options become viable for blacks and acceptable to whites."

The Smith and Nephew experiment ended in July this year, partly, the report suggests, because of pressure brought on it by the South African Govern-

ment, although this is denied by the company's management.

Leyland, which with Pilkington Glass, Metal Box and Unilever, is also examined in the report, did, it is suggested, actively discourage the formation of black unions and according to a union member called in the Special Branch "to block the organisation of workers" in 1974.

A Leyland spokesman last night, adding that the report was "selective, prejudicial and in many cases inaccurate." Though in 1976 Leyland said the company "could not reasonably recognise an African trade union for bargaining purposes... without setting our business and employment at risk," it is the spokesman said yesterday, broadly in favour of the programme of action recommended in the CCSA report.

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\* Black Trade Unions in South Africa: The Responsibility of British Companies. CCSA, 1 Cambridge Terrace, London, N.W.1.

# Israeli opposition to early talks on Geneva agenda

TEL AVIV, Nov. 6

the area to be made a Palestinian state.

In Cairo, Jordan's King Hussein, fresh from talks in Syria and Saudi Arabia, arrived for consultations with President Sadat on co-ordinating the Arab position towards Geneva.

After two days of talks in Damascus, President Elias Sarkis of Lebanon and Syrian President Hafez Assad decided to speed up efforts for ensuring stability in southern Lebanon, writes Izzat Hiseh from Beirut. Mr. Sarkis' trip was prompted by a deadlock in moves to ensure a withdrawal by Palestinian guerrillas from the south and stationing units of a restructured Lebanese army along the border strip with Israel.

The two presidents also apparently discussed the overall security situation in Lebanon in the light of failure so far to bring about a national election, and continuing violence. Nine people were killed in two separate incidents yesterday. Of these, eight were killed in a shoot-out between Left-wing and Right-wing factions in the northern district of Koura. Intervention by Syrian troops brought the situation under control.

ISRAEL HAS rejected an Egyptian call for early talks to prepare an agenda for Geneva peace conference, the Government radio said to-day. The Government prefers to stick to the letter of an American working paper calling for talks with a unified Arab delegation, the report said.

The Cabinet decision in Jerusalem came after a briefing by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan on week-end developments including comments by Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy.

Government sources said they were against preparatory talks, arguing that an agenda could only be agreed on in face-to-face negotiations.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin also turned down an American suggestion to have the occupied West Bank of the River Jordan made into an autonomous, demilitarised zone.

The West Bank suggestion was made by the U.S. national security adviser, Mr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, in an interview with the New York Times. He suggested that in return for Israel giving up sovereignty over the West Bank, Arabs should abandon demands for

# Economists call for more reflationary action

BY DAVID BELL

THERE IS NOW an urgent need for industrialised countries to adopt a "package of economic policies" to cope with unduly slow world economic growth and to prevent any further rise in unemployment.

This was the conclusion reached by 14 leading economists from Japan, the United States and Europe at the end of a three-day meeting in Washington held under the auspices of the Brookings Institution. The economists agreed that it is now up to all industrialised nations—and not just the three "locomotive economies" of Japan, the U.S. and Germany—to take measures to "support a sustained expansion of consumer and investment demand."

The economists, echoing comments to be heard at the recent annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund, said that "concern about inflation continues to be warranted but that the transfer of power from the countries' can inflation be attributed to excess demand at the present time."

They note, and they support their argument with some gloomy projections for the coming year, that although "some more stimulative policy measures" have been adopted recently by certain countries, the growth of real output in 1978 is not expected significantly to reduce the gap between potential and

actual output. Thus the need for fresh initiatives now exists in all industrialised nations, including both Britain and Italy. For next year the economists forecast that the British economy would grow by 2.5 per cent in real terms and that inflation would fall to about 9 per cent. The U.S. economy, they predicted, will grow by only 4.25 per cent next year with inflation

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6. They forecast a slight slowing in the Japanese growth rate (0.5 per cent) and only a modest 0.5 per cent increase in the German growth rate to 3.3 per cent. Both unemployment and inflation in Germany are projected to be unchanged next year. All these assumptions are based on a continuation of current policies.

# Koch likely to win NYC mayoralty this week

BY JOHN WYLES

NEW YORK, Nov. 6

A CLEAR majority of the 2.8m. poll in the New York Post revealed that the Republican Party candidate, State Senator Roy Goodman, was the favourite to win the mayoralty of New York City.

The result has seemed a family in this strongly Democratic city since he roundly defeated six challengers in the primary in September. Since then, he has sought to give the impression of being hard for office. But his campaign of a team to achieve the transfer of power from the incumbent mayor, Mr. Abraham Beame, has emphasised his confidence about the outcome on Tuesday.

But the election may not be without significant upsets for a January.

Mr. Koch, 52 years old, Jewish and a congressional representative from Manhattan, promised to revamp the city administration and to "square the books" on the city's finances. He promised a hard line with unions which will be demanded for a new pay contract just a few weeks after he takes office.

# Domestic car sales rise

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

NEW YORK, Nov. 6

SALES OF THE U.S. motor industry's new "down-sized" cars got off to an encouraging start last month and helped to curb the market penetration by leading Japanese imports.

Sales figures in October have been keenly awaited by industry analysts because they offer the first indication of the potential sales prowess of the 1978 U.S. models. Interest is even stronger this year because U.S. manufacturers have introduced some 10 new or much re-designed smaller cars which consume less fuel.

This "down-sizing," as it is known in Detroit, has been forced on the industry by federal fuel economy regulations which require fleet sales of each of the largest segments to conform with an average fuel consumption of 18 miles to the gallon.

A 19 per cent increase in the sales of U.S.-manufactured cars in October seems to indicate that the new models are proving popular with the U.S. public. The figure is somewhat exaggerated by the fact that sales of the United Auto Workers strikes.

United Auto Workers strikes in the overall sales total of 869,244 units is impressively in line with the industry's predictions.

October is always a difficult month for importers because of the new U.S. models in the showrooms. But foreign manufacturers are still lining their pockets in the month rather than the success of designs.

But the October figures are gloomy reading for the struggling, small car manufacturers. American Motors, which has slumped by 31 per cent since the introduction of a new line, completed the month with a 19 per cent drop in output and its continuing performance maintains the gloom mark against its future.

# U.S. mine talks to resume

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

NEW YORK, Nov. 6

LEADERS of mine-workers and coal company operators in the U.S. will resume pay negotiations on Tuesday, with four weeks left in which to find a settlement to avert the threat of a national strike.

United Mine Workers officials broke off negotiations on October 25, alleging that the employers were refusing to concentrate on union proposals for reviving the

health and retirement funds of the industry. Cuts in benefit earlier this year provoked nationwide strikes throughout Appalachian coal-fields.

Before discussing this new proposal, the employers had been urged to squeeze some response out of the union to their proposal.

unofficial, stopgap which are largely responsible for the weakness of the health fund.

# EEC pressed on pig meat

BY ROBIN REEVES

BRUSSELS, Nov. 6

RENEWED pressure for Common Market action to ease difficulties of the U.K. pig meat processing industry, will be exerted by Mr. John Silkin, the British Agriculture Minister, at a two-day EEC Council of Ministers which will open here to-morrow.

Among the items for discussion will be a new EEC Commission plan for the gradual, automatic phasing out of monetary compensatory amounts (MCAs) on intra-EEC farm trade, which for Britain, set at a large subsidy on many farm imports, Mr. Silkin evidently plans to stress that the EEC should first sort out the distortions to agricultural trade caused by the present method of calculating MCAs.

Although the financial position of British pig producers has begun to improve, bacon and ham curers are still being squeezed by competitive imports from other EEC countries. In the U.K. view, this is because

they enjoy an over-valued monetary subsidy to offset differences in exchange rates. But it remains to be seen how far the Commission will try to link any adjustment for pig meat with its overall plan for the gradual phasing out of MCAs.

Mr. Silkin, besides being responsible for trade discussions, Britain, with West Germany, has so far remained staunchly opposed to accepting even the principle of automatic adjustment in this area.

The Council will also be discussing the French demand for a limited exception to the North Sea herring fishing ban for certain local fisheries. The U.K. remains opposed in principle but it is expected that the Council will agree to the inclusion of Kent and Sussex (involving a few hundred tonnes of herring) in the list of exceptions.

# Spain 'must be member'

BY GUY DE JONQUIERES, COMMON MARKET CORRESPONDENT

BRUSSELS, Nov. 6

THE SPANISH Prime Minister, Sr. Adolfo Suarez, said this week-end that his Government had its before formal negotiations were signed, finally set on full membership of the European Community.

Spain, entering the Community interim "pre-membership" status, should be completed by the end of 1978.

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# WORLD TRADE NEWS

## Value of U.K. exports to USSR increases

**By David Sater**

MOSCOW, Nov. 6. THE VALUE of British exports to the Soviet Union during the first three quarters of 1977 showed a sharp increase in comparison with the equivalent period last year, promising a correction in the long-standing trade imbalance in favour of the Soviet Union.

Figures released by the British Embassy show that British exports during the first nine months of 1977 had a total value of £269.2m, a 56 per cent increase over the value of exports for the first three quarters of 1976 which was £172.2m.

These figures may include initial deliveries on the \$100m gas compressor contract signed in December, 1976, by the Coburn consortium which is expected to begin affecting British export figures in the second half of 1977.

They do not, however, reflect deliveries on other recent major Anglo-Soviet contracts such as the contract with John Brown for a polyethylene plant or the \$15m mechanical plant deal announced by Davy Powergas and so the prospect is for continued gains in the British export totals in the months ahead.

The value of British imports from the Soviet Union also increased during the first three quarters of this year but not as sharply as did the value of exports. British imports had a total value of £594.7m, an increase of 18 per cent over imports for the comparable period last year which had a value of £503.5m.

Trade turnover between the two countries for the first three quarters of 1977 stood at £863.9m, an increase of 28 per cent over the turnover for the comparable period last year.

British imports from the Soviet Union this year have consisted primarily of raw materials, including oil and oil products, timber, textiles, diamonds and fur. British exports have consisted largely of finished goods, with the principal items being chemicals, machinery, iron and steel and textiles.

The British export figures have shown a steady rise during the course of the year with 54m, or 20 per cent, of the nine-month total recorded during the first quarter.

## Visiting EEC steel group puts pressure on U.S. over dumping

**By David Bell**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6. THE CARTER Administration, which now aims to complete its "plan" for the American steel industry by the end of this month, will come under fresh pressure again this week from both inside and outside the United States.

A delegation from the EEC, led by Viscount Edouard Davignon, the Commissioner with responsibility for steel, begins talks here tomorrow designed to make clear to the Administration the European opposition to rigorous enforcement of the dumping laws.

On Tuesday, the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee is due to start two days of hearings about U.S. dumping legislation which is apparently designed to remind the Administration of its obligation to enforce existing dumping laws. President Carter has promised last month that he would "aggressively" enforce these in the months ahead.

At the same time Vice-President Mondale on Friday received a petition from more than 100,000 steel workers calling on the Administration not to relax existing quotas on the import of special steels.

Mr. Mondale refused to say if the Administration will accept last month's recommendation by the International Trade Commission that the quotas should stay in being for three more years. But he said he would tell the President of the workers' concern.

"We are not the slightest unmindful of the pain and suffering workers go through," he said.

M. Davignon clearly hopes that he will be able to influence the U.S. Treasury led inter-agency task force that is attempting to evolve a long-term recovery plan for the American steel industry. But it is not expected that he will propose any specific concessions that might be made by European producers until after the Treasury task force has issued its report.

For their part the Americans will waste little time in telling the EEC visitors of the formidable political pressure now being generated in the steel case and they are expected, at this stage at least, to offer little prospect of any softening of the dumping law.

## Trade poses problems for Canada

**By Victor Mackie**

OTTAWA, Nov. 6. SEPTEMBER WAS a bad month for Canadian exports which fell sharply by seven per cent on value during the month to a total of \$3.8bn. Most of the drop took place in shipments to countries other than the United States.

The fall wiped out much of the surplus on merchandise trade built during the summer. After July and August surpluses of about \$300m, each, September's trade surplus dropped to \$60m. The surplus for the three months totalled \$659m.

On the brighter side, that surplus was about double the amount during the second quarter, but was far below the record of \$830m accumulated in the first three months this year.

Merchandise trade has been one of the few bright spots for Canada in its international balance of payments. But the country is headed for a record overall deficit this year of about \$8bn.

Merchandise trade is being overwhelmed by payments leaving the country for services. Important in the service area is the travel account which counts money spent by Canadians abroad and money spent by foreigners in Canada.

## U.S. MACHINE TOOLS Facing up to the Amendment

**BY KENNETH GOODING, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT**

UNITED STATES machine tool manufacturers are campaigning hard against what they call the failure of their legislators to understand the importance of trade with the Eastern bloc and U.K. government departments.

They claim that, since the so-called Jackson-Vanik Amendment to the Trade Bill became effective in 1975, the States has lost \$200m worth of exports to the Soviet Union alone as well as business with Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and East Germany.

The Jackson-Vanik Amendment, which in effect said that the U.S. would not extend any credit to countries which did not allow free immigration, has forced many machine tool makers to source contracts with Eastern Europe from Canada, Mexico or Western Europe.

For example, the U.S. companies nearly lost out completely on the \$400m project in Poland to revitalize its tractor industry. Early contracts in connection with this scheme were dealt with by European subsidiaries but eventually some changes were made to the legislation in the States to allow manufacturers to supply this particular project.

Mr. Jim Case, president of the National Machine Tool Builders Association, whose membership accounts for around 90 per cent of U.S. machine tool output, To-day it is \$1 in \$4.

The U.S. is the world's second largest producer of machine tools in value terms with a 1976 output of just over \$2bn, against West Germany's \$2.4bn, and an estimated \$1.9bn for the Soviet Union.

In spite of the problems, last year it maintained the usual healthy trade balance, exports reaching \$830m, against imports worth \$339m, according to estimates given by the American Machine Tool Association.

"I believe we should be exporting at least one-third of our output, not the 15 to 20 per cent we are achieving at the moment," maintains Mr. Case. "And we were well on the way to doing this until the Jackson-Vanik amendment came into effect."

He points out that, as with the machine tool industries in most other countries, the U.S. manufacturers face highly cyclical demand. "The only chance for the American industry to try to maintain good health is for it to tie itself to the world market."

Mr. Case comments: "And then at the moment on the home front the industry has hardly ever been more optimistic. This atmosphere has been generated by the car makers. Not only have there been record car sales recently in the U.S. but the U.S. motor industry must completely re-tool by 1981-1982 to make the new smaller, less gas-hungry cars. The demand this will generate will have a spin-off effect on the whole of the metal-working industries in the U.S."

For the machine tool makers this has accentuated one of their other persistent problems—shortages of skilled people. There are very few apprenticeship programmes in the U.S. and, as Mr. Case puts it, "It is very difficult to get how to consider work on the shop floor."

To compensate, the U.S. machine tool industry uses its own high-technology to the fullest extent and, for example, uses more numerically-controlled machine tools than its counterparts in any other country in the world.

Ironically, this concentration on high-technology by American manufacturers—both in the machine tools they make as well as those they use in their own factories—has left gaps in the market and encouraged imports.

## World Economic Indicators

TRADE STATISTICS		Sept. 77	Aug. 77	July 77	Sept. 76
W. Germany	DM bn. Exports	23.2	20.9	21.2	23.0
	Imports	19.5	18.5	19.4	18.4
	Balance	+3.7	+2.5	+1.8	+4.6
France	Fr. bn. Exports	26.10	20.17	25.55	22.06
	Imports	27.67	22.59	25.64	26.16
	Balance	-1.57	-2.42	-0.09	-4.00
U.K.	£ bn. Exports	2.923	2.772	2.741	2.132
	Imports	2.832	2.632	2.971	2.513
	Balance	+0.091	+0.140	-0.230	-0.380
Holland	Fl. bn. Exports	8.462	7.884	9.051	8.105
	Imports	8.939	8.337	9.955	8.319
	Balance	-0.477	-0.453	-0.904	-0.214
Italy	Lira bn. Exports	3.467	3.613	3.415	2.993
	Imports	3.184	3.529	3.386	2.882
	Balance	+0.283	+0.084	-0.471	+0.111
Japan	¥ bn. Exports	7.097	6.662	6.054	5.782
	Imports	5.049	5.102	5.414	5.777
	Balance	+2.048	+1.560	+0.640	-0.005
U.S.	\$ bn. Exports	10.149	10.112	9.970	9.716
	Imports	12.476	12.932	13.121	10.099
	Balance	-2.326	-2.819	-3.151	-0.377
Belgium	B.Fr. bn. Exports	125.31	109.0	113.01	114.51*
	Imports	125.51	119.01	124.01	119.58*
	Balance	-0.2	-10.0	-11.0	-5.74*

\* Provisional. \* June 76 excludes trade between Belgium and Luxembourg.

## £2.6m. contract for PVC plant

BTR Silvertown has won a piping contract worth £2.6m. for the supply of equipment to the world's biggest PVC factory.

Based at Burton-on-Trent, BTR Silvertown is to supply corrosion-resistant lined pipes and fittings for the new £170m. PVC complex under construction at Wroclaw in northern Poland.

Petrocarbon Developments, a subsidiary of Burmah Oil, is the major contractor to Polimex Ceko.

## Syria and India in oil deal Shell in deal with Dutch company on aroma chemicals

**BY K. K. SHARMA** NEW DELHI, Nov. 6.

SYRIA has agreed to give a concession in the oil-rich region of south Palmyra to India and a delegation of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has been in Damascus to finalise an agreement on exploration and production.

The service contract to be worked out will be based on production sharing with full financing by the Indian Government.

This is considered a major breakthrough by the Indian Government which sent Mr. George Fernandes, Minister for Industry, to visit Kuwait, Jordan, Iraq and Libya and has signed either protocols or memoranda of understanding with them on industrial projects on a wide field.

Experts from India will now visit these countries to prepare feasibility reports for projects whose collective value is said to be several hundred million pounds.

In addition, the Arab countries have agreed to finance industrial and agricultural projects in India tied to their need for mutton, farm produce and manufactured and semi-manufactured goods.

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Shell Chemicals has entered a joint venture in Holland to produce and market aroma chemicals as part of its policy of diversification into specialty chemicals.

It has formed a joint company with Naarden International in Holland to take advantage of recent research work it has done on the use of petrochemicals as a base for the manufacture of aroma chemicals.

These are mainly used in the production of fragrances, which are essential ingredients of soaps, detergents, toiletries, cosmetics and fine perfumes.

Research carried out by Shell has suggested that petrochemicals could provide a cheaper route for manufacturing fragrances than the traditional natural products.

However, it lacked the market expertise for exploiting the research, and therefore had to seek out a joint venture with an established manufacturer.

Naarden ranks among the top five companies in the field worldwide, essential ingredients of soaps, detergents, toiletries, cosmetics and fine perfumes.

## Israel gears up for more exports

**BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT** TEL AVIV, Nov. 6.

THE PROPORTION of locally developed products or products based on original Israeli production in total industrial exports (other than polished diamonds) is expected to rise from 25 per cent in 1976 to 50 per cent in 1985.

This will go hand in hand with a rise in industrial exports from \$2.2bn. to \$4.8bn, according to the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Prof. Avner Lavie.

He reported an increase in expenditure on industrial research and development for non-military purposes from \$180m. in 1975 to \$1.620m. (\$40m.) in fiscal 1977-78.

The number of projects submitted to the Ministry for financial participation rose from 270 in 1975 to 700 in 1977, and an expected 1,000 for 1977-78.

The Ministry participation in such expenditure is at varying rates, according to the likely export yield or saving in foreign currency.

It predicted a shift in emphasis from electronics and electrical goods, hitherto the largest "customer" for research grants to chemicals, which are 500-20-foot containers annually expected to account for 42 per cent in future (against only 26 per cent in the past) with electronics accounting for 38 per cent.

At the same time he stressed the need for devoting a higher percentage of industrial production to research and development.

An increasing number of Israeli companies are setting up offices or establishing subsidiary companies in Europe and adapting their production lines to meet world shortages as part of Israel's drive to cut its trade deficit by raising industrial production, particularly for export.

Merkavim, a plant belonging to the Koor group, is changing from producing bus bodies to containers for ships. There is a world shortage. Output is planned at the rate of 500-20-foot containers annually expected to account for 42 per cent in future (against only 26 per cent in the past) with electronics accounting for 38 per cent.

Amcor, Israel's largest home appliance maker, is selling up three overseas companies. In with research into solar energy Britain, the U.S. and Switzerland accounting for another 10 per cent.

Exports from \$3m. in 1976 to an expected \$4.5m. this year and the main items for marketing are electronic exterminators, solar heaters, commercial refrigerators and air-conditioners.

Israel's industrial output by 1985 is likely to be 117 per cent above the 1975 level, while industrial exports are expected to increase by 370 per cent.

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## Contracts

- A \$100,000 contract to study the feasibility of an interchange in Kowloon between Hong Kong's Mass Transit railway, now being built, and the existing railway running into China from Kowloon to Canton.
- A Japanese consortium has signed a ¥480m. contract with Saudi Arabia's saline water conversion corporation to build desalination plants in the Jubail district by October 1981.
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## Confidence mixed

Export prospects generally remain good with little change in the high level of the indicator of those companies expecting a rise over the next 12 months.

All the main interviews were undertaken before the Government's mini-budget on October 26, and the results are shown in the detailed tables. But most of the companies were contacted again by telephone after the statement though generally before the freeing of the exchange rate last Monday.

## Sales outlook steady

for order books has recovered after last month's decline. This slightly confused picture is reflected in an unchanged figure of 6.7 per cent for the median expected rise in production/sales turnover during the next 12 months. Both the engineering, and shipping and transport sectors expect their production to increase by a smaller amount than they had done last June though the chemical and oil sector was more optimistic. When re-interviewed after the hudget, none of the companies wanted to change its production forecast.

## Demand still the constraint

All three sectors surveyed this month are more inclined to say that they are working at or below planned output levels than they had been last June. The sluggish state of the economy at present is also reflected in the index of the level of stocks in relation to current sales trends, which has shown virtually no change. Looking ahead, the index of expectations about work in progress has risen again, though the indicators for stocks of raw materials and of manufactured goods have tended to fall.

	July- Oct. %	June- Sept. %	May- Aug. %	Apr.- July %	Eng's (non- elect.) %	Chemicals & Oils %	Shipping and Transport %
Above target capacity	16	12	14	15	6	19	24
Planned output	54	66	69	68	52	35	10
Below target capacity	28	21	16	14	42	40	61
No answer	2	1	1	3	—	6	3

## Capital spending upturn

next 12 months with only a tiny net balance projecting a rise. Both the chemical and oil, and the shipping and transport sectors were more inclined to forecast a decline in their labour force than previously.

In addition, a question has now been asked about the factors discouraging companies from expanding the number of their employees. The main points are lack of demand but other influences include the cost of redundancy, legislation, high wages, and difficulty in recruiting suitable staff.

## COSTS AND PROFIT MARGINS

### Pay worries increase

**Volume of Purchases**

Balance of expected 'Up's over 'Down's'

Year	Volume of Purchases (Billions of Dollars)
1974	35
1975	-10
1976	35
1977	50

These surveys, which are carried out for the Financial Times by the Taylor Nelson Group, are based upon extensive interviews with top executives about their companies' situation.

Three industries and some companies are covered in turn every month. They are drawn from a sample based upon the FT-Actuaries Index, which accounts for about 80 per cent of the total turnover of

public industrial companies. The weighting is by market capitalisation, save when an alternative method of weighting is specified.

The all-industry figures are four-monthly moving totals covering some 120 companies in 11 industry groups (mechanical engineering surveyed every second month).

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## October 1977

Are you more or less optimistic about your company's prospects than you were four months ago?	July-Oct. %	June-Sept. %	May-Aug. %	Apr.-July %	Target's (no. elect.)	Chemicals & Oils %	Transportation %
More optimistic	37	35	32	32	27	46	29
Neutral	46	54	55	56	54	12	45
Less optimistic	17	11	13	12	19	42	26

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	July-Oct.	June-Sept.	May-Aug.	Apr.-July	Eng's (non-elect.)	Chemicals & Oils	Shipping and Transport
Over the next 12 months exports will be:							
Higher	89	91	89	89	94	81	53
Same	10	6	7	7	1	19	47
Lower	1	2	3	3	3	—	—
Don't know	—	1	1	1	—	—	—

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The trend of new orders in the last 4 months is:	July-Oct. %	June-Sept. %	May-Aug. %	April-July %	July (non-elect.) %	Chemicals and & Oils %	Transportation %
Up	45	53	53	52	13	32	40
Same	17	16	20	22	58	—	55
Down	17	15	15	18	29	14	3
No answer	21	16	12	8	—	52	2

October 1977

Those expecting production-sales turn-over in the next 12 months to:	July-Oct. %	June-Sept. %	May-Aug. %	April-July %	Eng'g. (non-elect.) %	Chemicals & Oils %	Steel and Transp. %
Rise over 20%	4	3	2	2	6	6	3
Rise 15-19%	3	3	5	5	—	13	3
Rise 10-14%	21	15	17	19	6	52	31
Rise 5-9%	27	38	32	28	—	—	—
About the same	37	33	38	40	65	29	63
Fall 5-9%	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
No comments	8	8	6	6	21	—	3

## October 1971

	July- Oct.	June- Sept.	May- Aug.	Apr.- July	Fig. 2. (Non- elec.)	Chemicals & Oils	Transp.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Raw materials and components over the next 12 months will:							
Increase	23	27	32	26	44	6	26
Stay about the same	54	49	45	51	48	65	62
Decrease	10	10	12	12	8	—	9
No comments	13	14	11	11	—	29	9
Manufactured goods over the next 12 months will:							
Increase	25	32	36	31	—	13	3
Stay about the same	42	41	35	40	88	39	67
Decrease	8	8	8	6	—	—	—
No comments	25	19	21	23	12	48	36

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	4 monthly moving total					October 1977	Shipp and Transp
	July- Oct. %	June- Sept. %	May- Aug. %	Apr.- July %	Eng'g. (non- elect.) %	Chemicals & Oils %	%
Home orders	77	75	82	85	85	88	63
Export orders	57	51	52	49	47	74	63
Executive staff	13	15	19	21	50	—	26
Skilled factory staff	28	29	23	22	77	—	29
Manual Labour	4	4	6	4	19	—	6
Components	6	4	2	4	14	13	—
Raw materials	10	13	10	12	14	—	—
Production capacity (plant)	17	17	11	15	—	—	3
Finance	1	2	—	1	—	—	—
Others	10	9	8	8	12	6	3
Labour disputes	21	19	18	11	21	13	81
No answer/no factor	2	4	5	6	—	6	3

	4 monthly moving total				October 1977		
	July-Oct. %	June-Sept. %	May-Aug. %	Apr.-July %	Eng'g (non-elect.) %	Chemicals & Oils %	Ships and Transp. %
Those expecting their labour force over the next 12 months to:							
Increase	23	24	18	20	21	—	14
Stay about the same	55	55	62	62	79	63	39
Decrease	21	21	19	18	—	37	47
No comment	1	—	1	—	—	—	—

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	4 monthly moving total				October 1977		
	July- Oct. %	June- Sept. %	May- Aug. %	Apr.- July %	Eng's (non- elect.) %	Chemicals & Oils %	Ships and Transp. %
Those expecting capital expenditure over the next 12 months to:							
Increase in volume	51	44	46	52	25	69	75
Increase in value but not in volume	10	11	10	6	—	—	—
Stay about the same	14	14	12	13	39	—	—
Decrease	21	27	30	27	36	31	18
No comment	4	4	2	2	—	—	7

## October 19

	July- Oct. %	June- Sept. %	May- Aug. %	Apr.- July %	Engg. (non- elect.) %	Chemicals & Oils %	Ships and Transport %
Wages rise by:							
5-9%	11	13	17	18	—	—	—
10-14%	57	53	44	39	88	68	60
15-19%	19	14	10	7	—	26	29
20-24%	2	2	2	2	—	—	—
25-29%	1	1	1	1	—	—	—
No answer	10	17	26	33	12	6	11
Unit cost rise by:							
0-4%	5	3	3	2	15	—	26
5-9%	8	11	15	14	12	26	—
10-14%	52	50	48	49	67	62	53
15-19%	19	22	19	21	—	—	10
20-24%	3	4	4	5	—	—	—
Same	1	—	—	—	—	6	—
No answer	12	10	11	9	6	6	9

## October 1

Those expecting profit next 12 months to:	July- Oct. %	June- Sept. %	May- Aug. %	Apr. %	Eng'g (non- elect.) %	Chemicals & Oils %	Ships & Transp. %
Improve	35	48	47	48	12	13	9
Remain the same	45	33	35	32	88	61	86
Contract	15	14	14	14	—	26	3
No comment	5	5	4	4	—	—	2

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# Mergers and the public interest

By S. J. PRAIS

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The Government has announced that it intends to carry out a review of mergers policy, partly in the light of growing concern over the extent of concentration of ownership in British industry. Last week Prof. John Jewkes questioned the statistical evidence for the view that concentration is increasing and suggested that public concern over mergers was greatly exaggerated. In this article Mr. S. J. Prais, author of a recent study of giant companies, argues that the long-term trend towards greater concentration is unmistakable.

Had that trend continued—and this is the obvious assumption to make in the early phases of research when attempting to assess the likely size of the long-term effect. In the appendix I referred to the largest 100 would have been passed a few years ago; but by the time my book went to Press, I wrote: "It is difficult to speak with confidence on changes since 1968, partly because the coverage of the 100 largest between 1968 and 1970."

While my book was in press, turning enterprises; whereas information became available the figures quoted by Prof. Jewkes for later Censuses — though Jewkes show the largest 100 even that takes us only two private manufacturing enterprises further, to 1972; and an analysis of these results plus all publicly owned manufacturing enterprises (see *Trends* (August, 1976) on which *Economic Trends*, page 87, 20 Prof. Jewkes relies. That lines from foot of second analysis is not quite on the column). There is also no same footing as my own; the adjustment in that article difference is that I have always steel nationalisation which shown the largest 100 private artificially reduces the increase manufacturing enterprises as a concentration between 1963 and 1968. Recalculating the

share of the largest 100 on my account for two-fifths of manufacturing output, or any other private concerns both in the numerator and denominator and making use of table 8 of the summary volumes of the Censuses (PA 1002) — yields the following figures for the most recent three Censuses, which are all on the same definitional basis: 1970, 39.2 per cent; 1971, 40.3 per cent; 1972, 41 per cent. There is thus a rise once again of close on one percentage point a year, as in the period 1958-68.

We must not however conclude that this is the true underlying trend, because of uncertainty as to what happened between 1968 and 1970. The *prima facie* indications are that there was a small fall in that share in those two years, though since there was a change in the basis of the Censuses (from the old quinquennial basis, to the new annual census) with associated small changes in coverage, one cannot be quite sure of making a very precise link between them.

My own view remains that in considering trends in industrial structure we have to take a long view — covering several decades rather than a few years. Those mighty forces that, over time, have brought about a great concentration of industrial activity do not suddenly cease operation when 100 enterprises

Prof. Jewkes has made it clear that he disagrees. He believes that Marx, Berle and Means, Galbraith, Samuelson (and myself — surprised as I am to find myself in that very mixed company) have got it all wrong. I believe he has not given sufficient attention to the complexities attached to the statistics; that he is wrong to take a short-term view of what is essentially a long-term problem; and that he has thereby misled himself into too complacent a view of the strength of the phenomenon, and the nature of the policy measures that are required.

Mr Prais is Senior Research Fellow at the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, and author of a recent study on "The Evolution of Giant Firms in Britain, 1908-72" (Cambridge University Press, pp. 321, £8.50). The pamphlet referred to is by John Jackson, "Decline of Dominance" (Institute of Economic Affairs, pp. 82, £1), which was discussed in the Financial Times on October 21.

## Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Company, Limited

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

### Chairman's Review by Sir Albert Robinson

The Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held in Johannesburg on 10 November, 1977 at 11.30 a.m.

Shareholders will recall that in my Statement last year I referred to the need for a recovery of business activity in the major western industrial countries and in Japan. If we were to expect an improvement in our results for the year ended 30 June, 1977, by the extent, the economies of some of the countries advanced at a cautious pace whilst others showed little change. Due to increases from our coal, platinum and diamond interests, our income did not rise but depressed metal prices have had a severe impact upon some of our managed investments. We have seen their profit margins squeezed by low prices on the one hand and relentless rises in costs on the other. Coupled with this pressure on profits has been the necessity to finance essential capital expenditures, interest charges and, in some cases, metal stocks.

Group investment income rose from R25.1 million last year to R26.5 million; trading profits of subsidiaries, fees and other revenues increased by R7.5 million while net expenditures were reduced by R2.2 million. Were it not for the inclusion in our accounts of R62 million, which was our share of Ojilase's trading loss, we would have recorded the best year in our history. However, after making this deduction and also providing for tax, minority interests and preference dividends, profits attributable to ordinary shareholders increased from the previous year's figure of R26.3 million to R27.0 million. Ordinary dividends remained unchanged at 170 cents per share, absorbing R12.1 million. Of the balance, R12 million was provided as an extraordinary item against our investment of both equity and loans in Ojilase. The reasons for this provision were set out in the directors' review accompanying the reports and accounts.

#### Base Metals

There is an excess of some 2 million tons of copper stocks around the world. As a result the price of copper has fallen substantially below that which is needed to keep our Ojilase mine in production and to amortise its long term external loans. For a brief period early in 1977 the copper price rose to levels that led us to believe a recovery was possible and this encouraged us to continue with the provision of capital funds. During the last six months, however, the decline in prices has been continuous. The stage has now been reached where it could be unwise to commit further shareholders' funds. Investigations are therefore being made to decide on what action should be taken. There are various alternatives which include the possibility of placing the mine on a care and maintenance basis.

Our other problem area is the Shangani nickel mine in Rhodesia where affairs are being adversely affected by both economic and political factors. There is a surplus of nickel production in the world with the result that prices are tending weaker and Shangani is therefore faced with the need to finance both metal stocks and the cost of operations at the mine, while sales are limited and metal prices are low. It has therefore become apparent that some remedial action is required. Discussions are being held with interested parties which may well result in the suspension of operations. In the meantime production at the mine has been cut by some 50%.

#### Ferrochrome

Consolidated Metallurgical Industries reached the production stage in April of this year when the first charge of ferrochrome was poured. This event took place only twenty months after the arrival on site of the first construction teams. It reflects great credit on all concerned and in particular I would mention the excellent co-operation between the technical staffs of Johannes and the Shona Danko KK Company of Japan with whom CMI have a technical agreement. Production rates are building up steadily; there has been a minimum of technical problems and the quality of the ferrochrome has been well within specifications.

The first shipment of ferrochrome took place in October and it is anticipated that sales will develop at an increasing rate during the 1978 calendar year, at the end of which it is expected that we shall be shipping our full planned production to customers in America, Europe and Japan.

In accordance with group policy we have created a new opportunity for Black personnel at CMI in that one of the features of this plant, which has a designed capacity of 120,000 tons of high carbon ferrochrome per annum, is that all operating jobs are manned by Black personnel, many of whom are matriculants. The plant is possibly the most sophisticated of its type in the world today and, although the technical requirements are high, the operators have responded favourably and successfully to the training programmes. The excellent working relationships between Black and White personnel reflect great credit on all concerned at the plant and augurs well for the future of this industrial plant.

Rising costs and the very great difficulty experienced in finding loan funds with which to finance its development programme have caused the Electricity Supply Commission to increase charges on several occasions during the past two years. The cost of electricity is one of the largest single items in the production of ferrochrome. I cannot stress too strongly that ESCOM's present pricing policy could well place the whole industry in jeopardy. It is essential that means be found to obtain ESCOM's development finance other than by the continual raising of charges.

Weak prices of ferrochrome are in line with the generally depressed state of the world's steel industry. CMI has, however, concluded various long-term sales contracts and, during the first year, while the plant is expected to operate at a loss due to the cost of building up to full production, we can nevertheless look forward with satisfaction to selling our metal output in what is a most competitive market. We will not reap our just reward until the economic activity of the industrialised countries accelerates and the price for ferrochrome shows a marked improvement.

#### Gold and Uranium

Our main interest in gold and uranium lies in our investments in Randfontein and Western Areas. Both mines stand to gain from the recent rise in the price of gold.

Randfontein, which will produce both uranium and gold, is more than halfway through a major expansion programme, which on completion will have cost in the region of R180 million. Half of this programme is being financed by means of a US \$109.8 million loan, which was negotiated with the purchasers of the company's future uranium production and the balance is being financed out of profits. The operating profits are currently derived solely from gold sales and the maintenance of a healthy gold price during this period has assisted the financing of the project and the payment of dividends. The team involved with this expansion programme, which includes personnel from Bechtel International as well as our own staff, are to be congratulated on their performance. At this stage the project is comfortably within budget.

Production from the Western Areas' mine, which at present produces gold only, is now approaching the planned capacity of its recently enlarged treatment plant and, because the ore being treated is of a comparatively low grade, the rising price has benefited the mine's overall profitability. Meanwhile investigations are continuing to determine the economic potential of the Middle Elsberg reef which occur below the reef currently being exploited. At the Cooke Section of Randfontein the Middle Elsberg reef are being mined for their combined gold and uranium content and it is possible that this could also be done at Western Areas. This would add significantly to the mine's ore reserves and its future profitability.

#### Platinum

One of our important interests is our investment in the platinum industry through our holding in Rustenburg Platinum Mines Limited, for whose management Johannes is responsible.

The platinum industry has grown substantially, largely through the research and marketing efforts made by Rustenburg and its sole marketing agents, Johnson Matthey, Engelhard Minerals and Chemicals in the USA have also conducted independent research programmes.

Platinum cannot automatically be sold irrespective of the quantities in which it is produced. New uses have to be found for the metal and new markets nurtured, all of which requires long and costly research and promotional effort.

As a recent example of this I cite the use of platinum in the automobile industry for catalytic converters. Initially the motor industry was opposed to the use of platinum and it required sophisticated and expensive research to satisfy the industry regarding the role which this metal could play. Today platinum is well entrenched in this field as a result of those efforts. A further example is the promotional effort being made to develop the market for platinum in the jewellery industry.

The South African platinum industry has in the past relied to a considerable extent upon an export allowance granted by the Government to help it in financing its marketing and research programmes. It was therefore with concern that we learnt that this allowance was to be withdrawn with effect from 1 January, 1978. It is hoped that the authorities will reconsider this decision when formulating the budget proposals for 1978 and representations to this effect have been made to the Ministers concerned.

On the operational side, in common with most mines in the country, the platinum mines are faced with the need for major capital expenditure programmes on new shafts and development which are designed not so much to expand as to maintain production. At the present low level of prices for platinum and associated metals, the platinum industry in South Africa is finding it increasingly difficult to finance these essential expenditures.

As far as Rustenburg is concerned, it is currently operating at low profit margins and recently it proved necessary to pass the final dividend. The future outlook remains uncertain, but in the longer term we look forward to a resurgence in demand for platinum and in this event Johannes with its 27.5% interest in Rustenburg will benefit significantly.

Rustenburg's mines lie partly within Bophuthatswana which will become independent in December. We are confident that the changes which are bound to come about will do so in a reasonable and orderly fashion. We have established an excellent relationship with Chief Mangope and his Government and after independence we shall do everything possible to maintain and strengthen this relationship. We have noted with satisfaction recent remarks by Chief Mangope that there is no intention of nationalising the mining companies after independence.

#### Coal

The Tavistock group, which represents our main interest in coal production, was able to report record sales and profits, selling 3.66 million tons of coal during the financial year. However, because of the mild winter, stocks of coal are accumulating and also because of the general economic recession in South Africa, orders from large consumers are now declining, indicating that supply is exceeding demand. I feel, however, that this is a relatively short term situation. Work is continuing at the Tavistock Colliery to open up the No 2 section which will provide a further 1.2 million tons of annual capacity.

In the longer term, with the world's increasing need for sources of energy, we expect the demand for coal to grow. Johannes has coal reserves which could benefit from this development and we are also directing more of our exploration effort to the search for coal.

#### Industry

Our industrial investments, which contributed some R9.8 million to our net attributable earnings for the year, are spread widely over many sectors of industry and, while some of them are also being affected by the present economic setback and their profit margins are being squeezed, we expect our income from this source to show a further increase in the coming year. South African Breweries, which is one of our two major industrial portfolio investments, largely mirrors the local economic scene and is showing steady growth in earnings. The other is Johnson Matthey, which operates internationally and continues to make good progress.

#### Exploration

Mining is recognised as a high risk business. Johannes has over the last decade been in the forefront of mineral exploration in Southern Africa. From this exploration arose potential opportunities which we accepted despite the changing political scene in the area in which we operate and in the knowledge that the demands for primary metals are cyclical by nature. The development of new mining projects can take many years before revenues begin to flow. When deciding to develop new mines the mining houses have to take a much longer and broader view than is the case with most other commodities. It is doubly unfortunate that we have brought two mines into production at a time of great political change and of extremely low demand for the metals produced. Nevertheless we believe that there are still opportunities for mineral exploitation in many parts of Southern Africa and for this reason Johannes is continuing with its business of prospecting and exploration, together with its allied research into mineral processing. However, because of a need to conserve resources our operations will be on a much reduced scale. In some instances we will take in partners who will share both in the costs of such work and in any rewards which may flow.

#### Finance

The financial needs of the Company have been under detailed examination over the past few months. We have

decided to seek additional finance of R40 million through a Preference Share issue to supplement our normal cash flow and shareholders will be asked to approve the formalities for proceeding with this issue at an extraordinary general meeting which will follow immediately after the annual general meeting of shareholders on Thursday 10 November, 1977. The cash requirements of the Group include the repayment of our Eurodollar loans over the next three years as well as continuing commitments in respect of our new projects. The bringing to production over the past three years of two mines, together with the establishment of a ferrochrome plant, has placed a considerable strain on our resources. When the feasibility studies were made in 1973 it was anticipated that copper and nickel prices would at least keep pace with the anticipated rates of inflation and the rise in mining costs. In the event we have come into production at Ojilase and Shangani in the midst of a serious world depression. Instead of profits flowing from these mines to assist in the repayment of our loans we are now having to rely on other sources of income to meet these commitments. It is therefore prudent to raise additional medium term finance to assist in the repayment of our international debt. This will have the effect of stretching out the period during which we plan to reduce our loan indebtedness to more normal and acceptable levels and of leaving us with a margin of funds with which to take advantage of any suitable opportunities for new business should these arise.

#### Future Prospects

The prospects for the current year are conditioned to a very large degree by economic and political forces outside our control. The well-being of many of our companies is dependent upon the extent to which the economies of the major industrial countries grow and the extent to which this growth influences the prices of the metals which our mines produce. A major dilemma of the world today, which was highlighted at the recent annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund, is whether the industrialised countries should stimulate their economies or continue with their deflationary policies. Confidence has been seriously impaired and it is a matter of conjecture which policies will be pursued and what consequences will follow. As a counter-weight to this uncertainty and the fears of world-wide inflation that accompany it, the price of gold has risen substantially in recent months and is currently showing a remarkable firmness. The South African balance of payments position has shown a satisfactory improvement and the additional foreign exchange earnings which South Africa will derive from gold will assist considerably in helping the economy through its present recessionary phase. But the possibility of a short-term solution to the world's economic ills seems remote and the future is uncertain. Furthermore increasing anarchy and political extremism is adding to the problems.

In South Africa we face other serious difficulties. Our internal policies are the subject of severe international criticism. We must not underestimate the power of governments and of pressure groups to give effect to their disapproval of these policies. The boycott of South African exports and the possibility of further selective sanctions being applied cannot be ruled out. We are entering a decisive phase in the history of South Africa — a phase in which the political future of all its peoples will be determined. It is the united wish of our friends abroad, and of the majority of our peoples at home, that peaceful and constructive solutions to our problems be found. The business community must play its part in applying pressure to encourage peaceful change, more particularly in the fields of race relations and the breaking down of discrimination. It is vital that all races should have access to the private sector without restriction. All are entitled to the benefits of the system. By this means we can develop a non-racial business society that will provide equal opportunity for all. It is from this broader economic base that longer term political policies can be framed that will help to restore South Africa's image abroad and give immense satisfaction to its peoples at home. Insofar as Johannes is concerned it will be our policy during the next year or two to consolidate and limit the adverse effects of our investments in Ojilase and Shangani. It is also our intention to decrease our dependence upon borrowed funds and to improve our liquidity.

The year ahead will be a difficult one, but we are budgeting to achieve some improvement in our attributable earnings. This, of course, excludes any extraordinary provisions we may have to make in respect of Ojilase and Shangani.

#### Staff

Johannes has recently reviewed all job levels at Head Office and has rationalised its organisational structure. As a result of this survey a uniform integrated salary pattern for the various occupational categories has been established and all employees will be rewarded at the rate for the job without discrimination, regardless of race, colour, creed or sex. We believe that with the co-operation and understanding of our employees we shall succeed in developing an integrated staff that will serve Johannes in the future in a spirit of inter-racial harmony and goodwill.

It gives me great pleasure once again to thank all staff and employees for their sustained efforts during a difficult year.

Johannesburg  
28 October, 1977



## Analogue version of digital watch

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# Building and Civil Engineering

## 7m. worth for William Leech

EARLY 21m. worth of new work, including 200 contracts for the construction of more than 30 retired persons flats at Stockport, a £245,000 contract by the Grosvenor Housing Society for nearly 30 flats at Stockport, and a £200,000-plus contract to build 50 homes at Emsall Bay, North Wales, for the Housing and North Wales Housing Trust. Other work is said to include housing projects in the North East worth more than £5.5m, and won in open tender, and a £2m housing contract won by Leech Homes (Scotland) in the Glasgow area.

## Galliford's mixed batch

THE contracts worth over £1m. awarded to Galliford and Sons' work figures for the company, the largest being Phase 2 of the Wellington Ring Road at Telford, Shropshire. It is due for completion in 1980, and in the meantime, the company has won a

## £3½m. Laing award

JOHN LAING CONSTRUCTION has been awarded a £3.5m. contract by Peterborough Development Corporation to build most of Orton Centre—a new district shopping centre in West Peterborough. The contract includes a 60,000 square foot superstore for international stores, 22 other shops, pub, housing, offices, police

## Two jobs for Wiltshier

AGAINST strong Continental competition, Wiltshier Shopfitting of Canterbury, has been awarded a contract for fitting-out executive suites on two floors of an office block in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, for Abdullah Al-Freza and Co. It is also fitting-out a travel agency and jewellery shop on the ground floor within the same complex. The contract, involving high-quality finishes, is valued at £1.2m.

## CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

### COMPANHIA HIDRO ELÉTRICA DO SÃO FRANCISCO

**CHESEF**  
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**BIDDING INVITATION**  
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VI EXPANSION PLAN  
**SIMULTANEOUS PRE-QUALIFICATION AND BIDDING**

- COMPANHIA HIDRO ELÉTRICA DO SÃO FRANCISCO - CHESF, by means of this Bidding Invitation, makes public to all concerned its decision to open, simultaneously with a Pre-qualification Process of Manufacturers, an international bidding for the designing, manufacturing, testing, packing and delivering to the work site of the equipment listed below:
  - 15,412 tons of ACSR Conductor 636 MCM for 500/230 kV T. Lines
  - 403,941 Insulators for 500/230 kV Transmission Lines
  - 72 Line Traps 500/230 kV
  - 105 230 kV Capacitor Potential Devices
- For payment of the equipment and services referred to in item 1 above, CHESF will count with funds from the Loan of the SAUDI FUND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT.
- The pre-qualification process for the selection of firms to supply the equipment and services above is limited to Brazilian and/or foreign manufacturers, isolated or joint ventures, who entirely comply with the requirements of the League of Arab States, through the Saudi Arabia Embassy of their countries.
- CHESF might, at its own judgment, make inspection at the manufacturing plants in order to appraise their capacity to supply the equipment and services, object of this Bidding Invitation.
- The instructions needed to prepare the pre-qualification documents and proposals, will be available to the interested firms at the price of Cr\$3,000.00 (three thousand cruzeiros), per equipment, at the following address, as of October 17, 1977: COMPANHIA HIDRO ELÉTRICA DO SÃO FRANCISCO - DIRETORIA DE SUPRIMENTO DEPARTAMENTO DE COMPRAS E CONTRATAÇÕES - DCC DIVISÃO DE AQUISIÇÕES ESPECIAIS - GEAPE RUA DR. ELPEGO JORGE DE SOUZA, S/Nº - BONGI TELEPHONE: 2273944 - 2271244 RECIFE - PERNAMBUCO - BRASIL.
- Pre-qualification documents
  - General Bid and
  - Bid Price
 shall be submitted in triplicate, in separate and sealed envelopes. The Bid Bond shall be in copy and must also be delivered in sealed envelope.
- The envelopes as per the above referred item will be received until 9 a.m. on December 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1977 when the simultaneous opening of pre-qualification documents and proposals for subitems I, II, III and IV of item 1 above, will take place.
- The envelopes containing the Bid Price will be opened later on a date to be announced to the bidders.
- The Bidder submitting an individual Bid is not entitled to quote through a joint-venture in the same bidding process.

## Copper unit Steel order for Boulton and Paul

MECHIM of Brussels and the Krupp organisation of West Germany have signed a \$143m. deal with the National Iranian Copper Company for the construction of a copper metallurgical complex at Sar Cheshmeh. Mechim will be the project co-ordinator and design will be along the lines of the technology used by Metallurgie Hoboken-Overpelt. Some of the electrical and civil engineering is being sub-contracted to Traction and Electricité de Belgium. Annual nominal capacity will be 150,000 metric tons. The mill should be in operation by 1980.

## M & S grows in Paris

SAE-BOVIS has started work in Paris on the existing Marks and Spencer store in the Boulevard Hausmann to provide extensions that will more than double the size of the sales floor area. This company was set up jointly by Bovis and Société Auxiliaire d'Entreprises as a joint venture in 1975. It will, on November 8 hand over to M & S its second store in Paris, at a commercial centre at Kosny 11, an eastern suburb. The building has been extensively converted for the purpose and the cost of alterations has been put at £1m.

## Easy trace for pipes

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## Boiler will burn waste

TOWLER AND SON, of Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, has received, on behalf of Hignature Processing Pty., Popondetta, Papua New Guinea, a confirmation from the Commonwealth Development Corporation of an order for two water tube boilers. These 28,000 lbs per hour boilers will burn oil palm waste at a new mill, which will be a joint venture between the Commonwealth Development Corporation and the Papua New Guinea Government. The order is worth in the region of £350,000. Towler is making a worldwide sales drive for boilers of this type as they can be used for burning many kinds of waste including rice and coffee bean husks, waste paper and sewage sludge.

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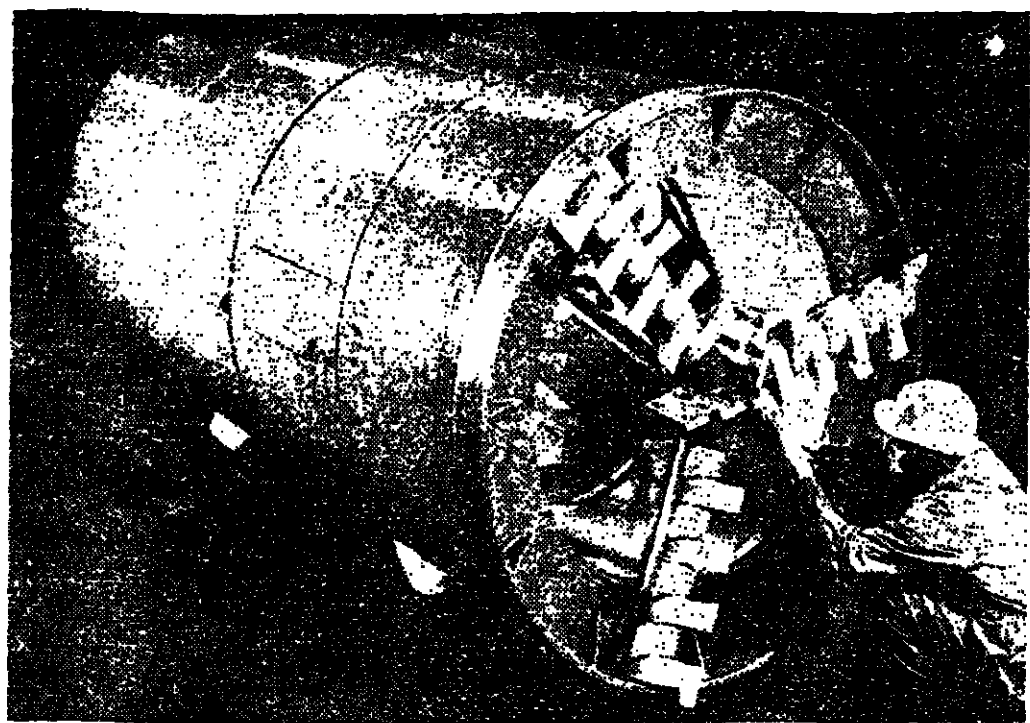
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## مكازم النجف



This tunnel boring machine is now being offered to construction companies for manufacture and operation under licence by Macrom International. Court Row, Saint Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands. The machine is driven by a standard 600 cubic feet per minute air compressor and is designed for operations involving installation of multi-segment tunnel liners. Macrom says the first three licences for its manufacture and use have been granted. The machine will bore tunnels up to 7 feet in diameter.

## Vikings show the way

NORWEGIAN engineers, who have led the world in large-scale marine engineering since the start of the rush to develop North Sea oil and gas reserves, have come up with an idea which might be the most economical solution yet for the harnessing of wave power. Fay Gjerster reports from Oslo. Based on the knowledge that a tsunami, or tidal wave set up by an underwater earthquake, can be a foot or so high but many miles in length, yet turn into devastating breakers 50 and more feet high and travelling at extreme speeds as soon as the waves approach a shelving shore, they have set themselves out to produce shelving a long way from the shore by creating artificial banks or "lenses" underwater. These would create rapid wave growth in normal sea conditions and, suitably disposed, concentrate into a fan shape wave formations that would have enough power in them to drive appreciable quantities of seawater to considerable heights. This energy could be harnessed in a number of ways. It could be used to push seawater into a reservoir located, say, 100 metres kwh a year.

The appeal of the whole idea, as said before, is that on the sea side, one is talking about pure civil engineering with structures that could be turned out en masse at the plants now making the big production plant-forms for North Sea oil and gas. There is no machinery to maintain and no control equipment to put in place. The only point of concern is to prevent shipping in any form from moving between the lens and the shore. It would be particularly ironical if the Norwegians, who have more oil and gas per capita than the rest of Europe put together, happened to have stumbled on the cheapest way of harnessing sea power. Speaking as a member of the Institute, a scientist said that predictions to the effect that wind, wave and solar power would make only minor contributions to total energy supplies this century would be fulfilled, provided that research into these renewable energy forms continued to receive "only a fraction of the sums Governments were prepared to spend in the nuclear field." More from Sentralinstituttet for Industriell Forskning, Forskningsveien 1, Oslo, Norway.

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WEST'S Pyro of Stockport, Cheshire, has won a £1m. contract for a lime kiln in Iran. The contract covers design, supervision of erection and commissioning of the 120 tonnes per day vertical shaft kiln which will be oil-fired and equipped with an automatic ship hoist. This is the sixth lime kiln to be supplied to Iran by West's Pyro.

## Details of World Bank projects

U.K. COMPANIES wishing to bid for overseas projects financed by the World Bank and the UN Development Programme (UNDP), may find useful details in a fortnightly newspaper which will contain procurement notices requesting bids for works and services in a market currently worth over \$5bn. a year, rising to an estimated \$8bn. by 1979. For the first time, notices of international contracts funded by the World Bank and the UNDP will be available in a single source, authoritatively and immediately—sometimes so early that a loan number has not even been assigned. This comprehensive review of the goods and services required from potential suppliers and contractors will be provided on a more timely basis, and in greater technical detail than is available anywhere else, the originators assert. Entitled "Development Forum—Business Edition," this fortnightly publication will be aimed directly to the subscriber. Mailed on 01-358 1311.

## IN BRIEF

- Fairclough Construction has started work on a £1.2m. sewage treatment works improvement scheme at Davyholme, Manchester.
- Laker Airways have awarded Mears Construction a £150,000 contract at Gatwick Airport for the construction of foundations and slabbing to a hangar extension and reinforced concrete slabbing to an apron extension.







# The Executive's and Office World

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Christopher Lorenz on the need for reliable international business comparisons

EXECUTIVE HEALTH

BY DR. DAVID CARRICK

## Jogging or gymnasia

"Better to hunt in fields, for health unbought, Than see the doctor for a nauseous draught. The wise, for cure, on exercise depend: God never made his work for man to mend." (John Dryden, 1631-1700.)



NOBODY, least of all an over-worked doctor, would argue with the idealistic principles that motivated the 17th-century writer to pen this piece of poetry.

But the prescription was easier to follow in Dryden's times. Not only were there more fields; most people were forced to walk or travel on horse-back to get anywhere.

And even those wealthy enough to own carriages obtained a deal of exercise and excitement through being bumped about.

For the modern executive, who works in a city and lives in a suburb, regular daily exercise is not easy to obtain.

True, he may be able to play golf at week-ends, or take part in some other sport which does not require two large teams; and he may even be induced to mow the lawn or perform other garden chores. All very good, from the entertainment point of view, but such hebdomadal activity does nothing to remove the desirability of obtaining adequate daily exercise.

Some people attempt to overcome the difficulty by indulging in jogging. So long as they are able to do so in lonely areas where traffic is light and the cheers or jeers of jealous spectators can be ignored, I have no doubt that, if it is not overdone and is performed regularly, the effect is excellent.

Physical jerks, carried out alone, tend to be monotonous and lacking in excitement and

are usually soon abandoned just as those splendid static cater for executives. Apart from bicycles and permanently anchored rowing machines which end up in the attic or are sold as "sacrifices."

### Fine exercise

Walking is fine exercise, but as most executives have only the nights for perambulation, there are disadvantages. A vigorous and eager dog is helpful. It not only acts as an incentive but also discourages the increasing mugging fraternity from nosy neighbours or prowling police who may wonder at the motives of a solitary male meandering at midnight through streets with no scenery save houses with lighted bedrooms.

For those who work in big cities there is an answer. In recent years, enterprising individuals, some of whom are retired athletes—even old Olympic

stars, have opened gymnasia to cater for executives. Apart from expert guidance from the professionals regarding the types of exercise advisable and careful supervision on individual endurance, the best of these gymnasia employ medical advisers to oversee each participant, and particularly those who are recuperating from heart disease and other maladies where remedial exercise is physically and psychologically beneficial.

If executives, and particularly those who are stressed, would join such organisations, great mental and physical benefit would accrue. And, as Dryden implied, prevention is preferable to cure in every respect. Providing that employees undertake to attend regularly, it would prove to be financially beneficial for large firms to pay part or all of the recent years, enterprising individuals, some of whom are retired athletes—even old Olympic

## A European yardstick for nationalised industries

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HOW EFFICIENT is Britain's largest nationalised industry? Three months ago, after more than a year of investigation, the government-appointed Post Office Review Committee released its findings. Overlaid by more dramatic proposals, such as splitting the corporation into two and devolving more control, was a recommendation of major importance to every nationalised industry: that detailed international comparisons of Post Office efficiency and productivity should be considered as a checking mechanism.

These could provide "one of a few effective yardsticks" of whether the Corporation was giving the nation sufficient value for money, the Carter Committee said. Having attempted a few comparisons of its own, which were even more tentative—not to say misleading—than the committee appeared to realise, it sensibly admitted defeat in this extraordinarily complex task, and passed the buck to the Government and others.

For all the nationalised industries, the significance of Carter's action on "Productivity and Efficiency" is out of all proportion to its length (a paltry five pages). For the report reflects a long overdue recognition that performance comparisons between U.K. nationalised industries and the private sector, or even between each other, are extremely limited. Value, Carter's observation that there were no organisations in the U.K. with which the PO's main businesses could "sensibly and directly be compared," has been true for almost every nationalised industry since these virtual or complete monopolies were first created.

An obvious assumption of Carter's line of argument is that we cannot go on judging the Post Office by little more than vague, theoretical standards if we want to improve its performance. Both the public and the PO itself would benefit from a better foundation on which to base expectations and assessments of its record.

Virtually the same arguments apply to the other nationalised industries: we need better ways of monitoring their activities, and some must be found abroad. That there have been so few useful international comparisons of their performance is partly because of the inherent difficulty of the subject matter. But many economists and research bodies are also too inward-looking to seek lessons abroad; those which have attempted the exercise have often been hampered by lack of financial resources and time.

Many of the international comparisons which set out to show whether a nationalised industry is giving consumers "value for money" use misleading calculations, such as straight-forward currency exchange rate conversions, which ignore differences in purchasing power. Carter fell into this trap with its comparisons of mail charges, even though they were hedged about with qualifications.

Another mistake is to scrutinise the prices of a few of the organisation's services, and generalise accordingly, rather than examine its overall price levels; for example, they look only at day-rate electricity tariffs, excluding night rates. Or in the telephone field, they just take long-distance peak-rate calls, forgetting that the average consumer also calls over shorter

distances and at different times of day. More important still is the point that tariff structures for individual services differ from one country to another. So the only proper basis for this sort of comparison can be a representative combination, or "package" of services.

A third type of error when trying to assess overall organisational performance across frontiers is to choose incomparable countries; that is, to compare the record of an organisation in one country with several foreign ones with entirely different characteristics, so that the researchers might just as well be comparing apples and oranges.

Half-truths

All three types of mistake produce misleading half-truths about the performance of the organisations concerned.

These problems will be examined, and some solutions proposed, in a series of articles on this page, beginning tomorrow. The first covers international price comparisons. The second analyses how far these reflect organisational efficiency. The third and fourth examine labour productivity measures and their results. All the articles draw heavily on official, but previously confidential material, including eight tariff surveys and a pan-European report on organisational performance by all the main European Post Offices.

The examples in the articles relate to the telephone service, and one of the prime intentions is to lift some of the confusion which so troubled the Carter Committee when it tried to

make a comparative international assessment of telecommunications performance. But the methodology is by no means peculiar to this one industry. It is applicable to international performance comparisons in a wide range of industries, especially those in the public sector.

The first article assesses various methods of comparing different countries' prices for consumer products, especially telephone services. It analyses the shortcomings of popular methods, and explains how, after much debate in academic circles, several European Post Offices have adopted new and more sophisticated techniques with some surprising results.

One of the conclusions is that, even after the swingeing tariff increases of 1975, Post Office Telecommunications is still charging its customers roughly the same, in real terms, as its most comparable European counterpart, the West German Bundespost; more controversially, it can be argued that like most other Europeans—like most other Europeans—more careful than is generally to business customers, at least, realised in selecting candidates for comparison. Of the praised Bell Systems in Canada and the United States.

A key characteristic of the newer comparative techniques is that they relate the price of telephone services in each country to the purchasing power of its inhabitants, thereby calculating so-called "real" telephone costs. The

## Frank Muir—a great dictator

A FEW YEARS ago Mr. Frank Muir held what he describes as a "medium-rare" management post in the television industry. One of the chief drawbacks of the job was that he found himself surrounded by secretaries who seemed intent on putting the frighteners on him.

Mr. Muir admits that one of two of them were agreeably helpful but he claims that the majority were "terrifying." He recalls the "tall, elderly lady who waited patiently with her pencil poised and her head bowed, weeping silently over some personal tragedy." Then there was the temp "with the triple-barrelled surname, a figure that would warp a 10-inch plank at forty paces, a Gucci notebook and personal phone-calls every eight minutes from Alasdair or Rollo." Finally there were the good ones who intimidated him even more because their skill at shorthand accentuated his own clumsiness as a dictator.

Yet these trials and tribulations taught Mr. Muir how to Be A Great Dictator. He has now decided to pass on the benefits of his knowledge to other bosses in a booklet which bears the above title.

The official story line of this erudite work is that Mr. Muir shed his managerial responsibilities and his secretaries, bought himself a dictating machine, sweet-talked it into treating his every word as a command and proceeded to live happily ever after. The apparent aim of the narrative is to show how easy it is to attain Nirvana if only you have a dictating machine and know how to use it. Presumably the real moral of the tale is that everyone should rush out and buy one of the said machines in order to help the manufacturers.

Don't mumble

Fortunately the Muir technique for dealing with dictating machines can be expected to work even better on a secretary. Machineless executives may therefore take up the booklet without worrying that it will force them to dig into their pockets or alter their office life styles. And though it is brief it is a good read.

Mr. Muir urges bosses to remember that there is a "real, living, breathing human being" on the other end of the dictation process and this means the proceedings should be opened with a cheery greeting. Dictators should say what sort of paper they want a letter typed on, how long the letter is going to be and how many carbon copies are required.

He goes on to advise executives to think their letters through before they start dictating. They should then break their thoughts down into key words and jot these down as a guide.

Mr. Muir insists that good dictators should not mumble—mumbling loudly is no substitute for clear speech.

Great dictators must realise that it is their job to put in the punctuation, and it is also up to them to spell out names and addresses if there is even the slightest chance of being mis-typed. Mr. Muir is inclined to think that all names should be spelled out and he adds that particular care should be taken with that of Miss Ariana Stassinopoulos.

How to be a Great Dictator, by Frank Muir, Lanier Business Products, 100 New Kings Road, London SW6 4LX.

Sue Cameron

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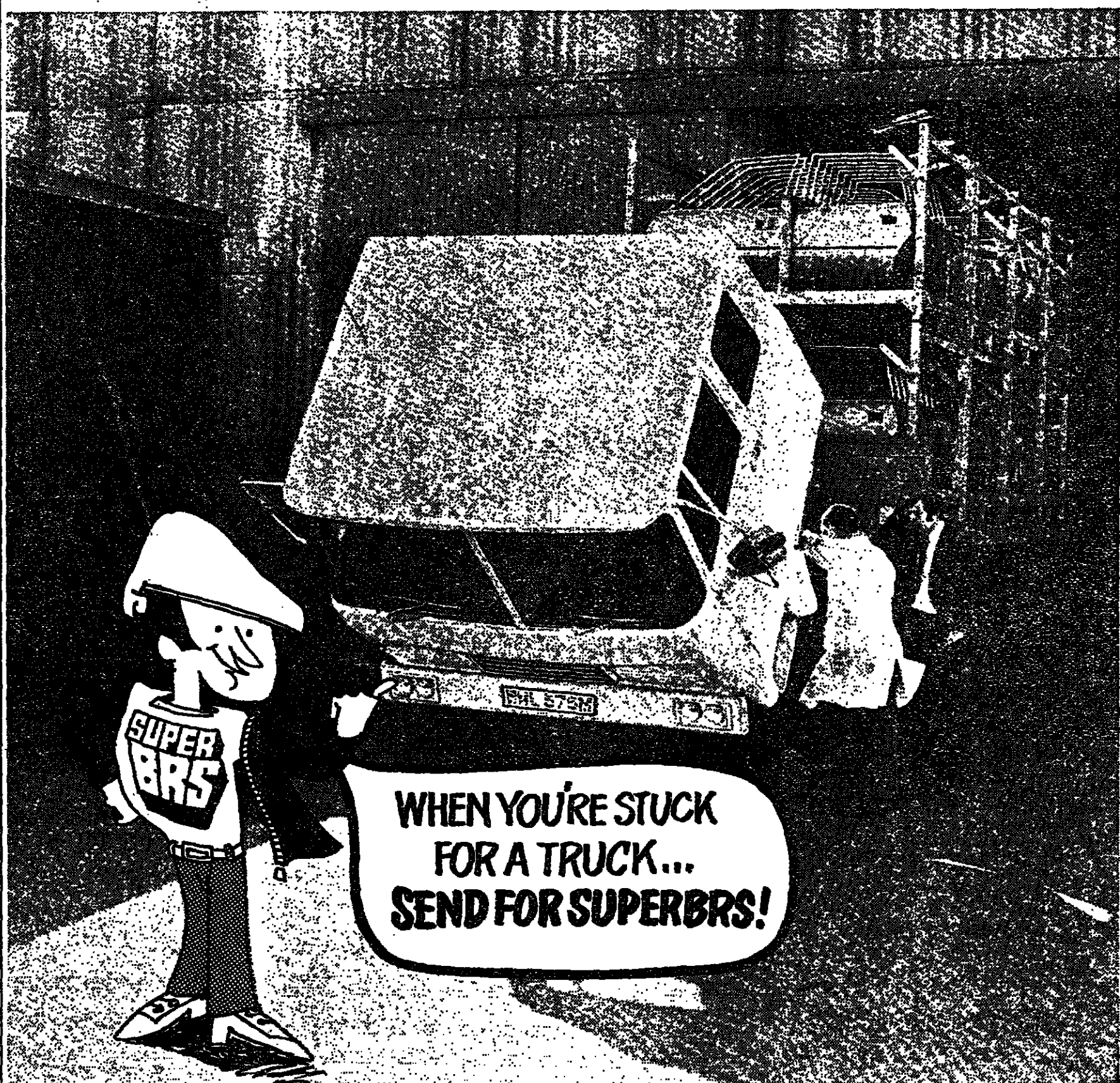
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## Examining the railways

THE INVESTIGATION which the Price Commission is making into British Rail's plans to raise passenger fares by between 11 per cent. and 15 per cent. in January could turn out to be one of the more interesting demonstrations of the way in which this new body is trying to develop its role. It is true that rail travellers are unlikely to see any immediate benefit for, with British Rail losing several hundreds of millions of pounds a year on its passenger business, it will probably be fully entitled to go ahead with the fares increase. It has proposed under the safeguard provisions which were written into the legislation. But there could possibly be some longer term gains, for the Commission sees its task as one which also involves looking for ways in which industrial efficiency might be improved, and the nationalised industries in general—and British Rail in particular—is probably the most useful place of all in which the Commission could make a start.

## Not unwelcome

Indeed, the idea of having an occasional efficiency audit of nationalised industries is one that can be traced as far back as Herbert Morrison, in many ways the progenitor of the present public corporation. In this instance, the Commission's investigation might not even be wholly unwelcome to British Rail itself. For after a good start last year, when it managed to run down its losses by about £800 million out of the current target of £400 million, its efforts to achieve a similar figure this year have run up against trade union and various other difficulties. Furthermore, the prospects for improving efficiency in many aspects of the railways' operation—such as freight train running, the track and signalling systems, and to some extent even computer and terminal operations—are heavily contingent upon new investment, which at the present time is under severe Government restraint.

The Commission will however be venturing into more uncharted—and certainly more controversial—waters if, as seems possible, it is tempted

## Economic operation

The inter-city services operate in a market in which there is strong competition both from road transport and, on certain of the longer routes, from British Airways' internal air services. So there seems to be little reason why British Rail should not be free to try to price up towards a more economic level of operation, especially now that the volume of rail traffic on these routes appears to be recovering. A case can also be made out for following a similar course with the London and South East commuter services, provided appropriate traffic and parking policies are used to control road traffic. The rail commuter services were not all that very far short of covering their costs at the beginning of the 1970s and it is hard to see why the rest of the country should be called upon permanently to subsidise London's commuters. There may be aspects of the railways' pricing policies which could benefit from an objective examination, such as the present very confusing range of off-peak fares, but subsidy policy is a matter which the Price Commission may recognise is best left for decision by Ministers accountable to Parliament.

## Agreement on the Ganges

THE SUCCESSFUL conclusion of a five-year agreement on the sharing of the waters of the Ganges, signed at the weekend, is a major triumph for the Governments of India and Bangladesh. After 25 years of fruitless bickering and a period of strained relations following the execution of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, one of the main sources of friction between the two states has been removed, at least for the time being. Both sides are largely for domestic consumption—making claim to have granted. Privately, they concede that the water quotas fixed for the driest weeks of the year are not unsatisfactory.

## A new spirit

For different reasons, both sides were keen to conclude an agreement. India's Janata Government, sensitive to criticism of its role in the dispute voiced in the United Nations, was anxious to placate international feeling with a gesture of goodwill. Bangladesh, reluctant to trust its sometimes domineering neighbour in the light of past experience, was keen to get something down in black and white, if only as a basis for future negotiation. The major breakthrough appears to have come after the election of the Janata Government in March, notably in talks between the Indian Prime Minister Mr. Morarji Desai and President Zia ur Rahman of Bangladesh, at the Commonwealth Conference in London last June.

The agreement, now signed, represents a new spirit of co-operation. It does not solve the real problem—that of regulating the flow of the Ganges to cope with the monsoon floods and winter droughts—but it does, as an important first step, lay down rules for sharing the waters that are available. Without regulation, the waters cannot satisfy the needs of both countries; but at least the sharing arrangement should be more equitable than the previous situation, in which the Indians showed little concern for the needs of Bangladesh. If the two countries can

## Solution quickly

The pressing nature of these problems points up sharply the need to reach a long-term solution quickly. But here again, signs of potential conflict have emerged. The agreement signed at the weekend is a declaration of goodwill on both sides and provides a period of grace, but probably not much more. Utimately there could be plenty of water for everyone. In the meantime, much more goodwill and readiness to compromise will be needed to ensure that everyone gets his fair share.

## Crucial talks on UNCTAD's Common Fund plans

By DAVID HOUSEGO, in Geneva

WESTERN leaders have now come to accept that a central plank of the future world stability must be a new understanding of the economic ties between rich and poor nations. But in the three years since they were prompted to that conclusion by the disruption that followed the leap in oil prices progress towards the goal has been negligible. The issues on which developing nations have pressed hardest—access to Western markets for their manufactured products, debt relief, an increase in aid flows, indexation and a transfer of technology—have either floundered in inconclusive debate or been buried. Almost the only proposal to have survived is the scheme put forward by the secretary of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in 1975 for a Common Fund to stabilise commodity prices. Negotiations on establishing the Fund broke down at a conference here last March. But industrialised nations salvaged the scheme by accepting the principle behind it at the end of the North-South dialogue in Paris in June—virtually the only concrete result to emerge from that mammoth affair.

## Vulnerable

The conference, attended by delegates from more than 100 nations, that opens at the UNCTAD headquarters here today is an attempt to get agreement on the shape of the Fund and how it might operate. Failure would be regarded by developing nations as the West reneging on a major political commitment. It would give a handle to the militants in the Third World to seek extremist solutions to improve their lot instead of looking to negotiations.

To most developing nations the case for stabilising commodity prices needs no argument. Earnings from the 18 commodities on UNCTAD's original list for an integrated programme account for 40 to 50 per cent of the export receipts of the non-oil producing less developed countries (LDCs). Their economies are thus vulnerable to unexpected swings in commodity prices—though obviously the movement in prices does not always tally with the movement in earnings. The vulnerability is greatest for countries most dependent on a single product, as Zambia is on copper or Mauritius and Jamaica on sugar. It is also high for some of the smaller LDCs that have few exports apart from commodities.

The violence with which prices have soared and slumped in the official British view in 1975 was mirrored in exceptional years of 1972-74 is still a bitter memory. The pain of the downward slide runs deeper than the recollection of the unexpected bonus then wider claims have been put forward for the impact on fluctuations make long-term

economic planning almost impossible. For governments of predominantly agricultural countries there is the problem of withdrawing the high procurement price they paid farmers in the boom and cannot afford in the slump. In the worst case of the copper producers—Zambia, Zaire, Chile and Peru—heavy borrowings on the expectations of continuing high earnings have left a massive backlog of debt. Producer cartels, export quotas, long-term sales and purchase contracts with consumers—all have been tried with varying success to iron out the ups and downs of the market.

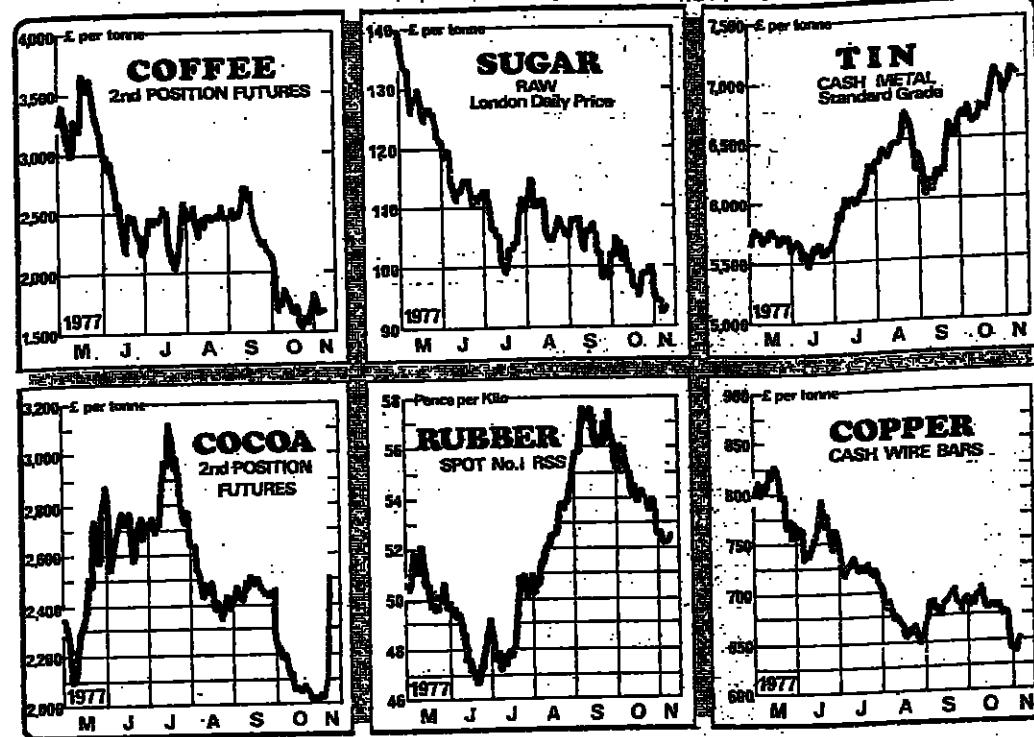
To the disruptions caused by the volatility of prices has been added the steady loss for purchasing power from commodity exports. The gain that primary producers made in the improvement of the terms of trade between commodities and manufactured products during the short-lived boom had been wiped out by 1975. In money terms commodity prices have recovered much lost ground since then. But throw in the higher oil bills that most LDCs have now to pay and the picture remains one of a steady slide in the terms of trade of their commodity exports over the last 20 years.

Thus the stabilisation of prices around their long-term trend which LDCs are seeking is first a cushion against the volatility of the market. But most also hope that it will help defend their purchasing power.

The fear that stabilisation was but an instrument for forcing prices up was one of the reasons why the major industrialised countries—namely the U.S., Japan and Germany—held out against it for so long. The Germans and the Japanese are still apprehensive. But there has also been a shift of opinion both within governments and industry.

Manufacturers, like developing nations, find the difficulties of planning are greater when commodity and currency markets are in turmoil. The present glut of copper, zinc and nickel has pushed down prices to the consumers' advantage. But on the other hand, the present depressed level provides no incentive for investment in mineral resources in LDCs (leaving aside the political risks) to meet demand 10-15 years from now. There is also renewed interest in assuring supplies of rubber, jute and hard fibres—commodities most vulnerable to pressure from oil based synthetics—because of the unpredictability of oil supplies and prices.

Macro-economic arguments have had an impact as well. The soaring and slumped in the official British view in 1975 was mirrored in exceptional years of 1972-74 is still a bitter memory. The pain of the downward slide runs deeper than the recollection of the unexpected bonus then wider claims have been put forward for the impact on fluctuations make long-term



commodity prices and attempts also made to quantify the loss in output and employment from the counter measures taken to control it. Whatever the reliability of such evidence the Carter Administration has come to accept that international agreements between consumer and producer countries can help to promote price stability and economic growth.

In line with this approach the U.S. now seems prepared for a limited experiment in buffer stock and quota agreements in commodities of interest to it. The Administration has just signed the new sugar agreement. It is already a member of the coffee and tin agreements and seems to be interested in seeing arrangements materialise over rubber and copper.

Coincidental with these moves Mr. Gamani Corea, Secretary General of UNCTAD, has abandoned the depressing comments he was making a few months back about the lack of progress on agreements being negotiated under UNCTAD's umbrella. Apart from those commodities in which the Americans are interested, he now finds serious concern amongst governments in reaching agreement on jute and hard fibres. Other UNCTAD officials add tea and some vegetable oils. Thus it seems that there is already an agreement in principle on one day covering six of the nine of the 18 items on UNCTAD's integrated programme. Still in the cold are cotton, phosphates, manganese, bauxite, iron ore, tropical timber, meat and bananas.

If the prospects for reaching commodity agreements look somewhat better, the well-heard arguments against achieving the goal of stabilising prices within a narrow range

still have force. Only a few commodities are amenable to buffer stocking which is the most promising form of stabilisation. And buffer stocks have run out of funds or the managers have lacked the superhuman prescience needed to spot unexpected swings in the market. Quotas and production cutbacks suffer from the disadvantage that at times of stress too few of the participants obey the rules.

It is because of the dismal record of past commodity agreements that the industrialised nations are insisting that the foundation stones of the Common Fund should be individual commodity organisations as negotiated between producer and consumer governments. They have no wish to be hustled into agreements they consider unworkable by a new activist international institution. Thus they have opted for a "pooling" type of Fund, dependent mainly on the resources of commodity organisations rather than the "central" Fund with capital of its own for which the developing nations have been pressing.

For the first time as well, the West has drafted its own model for funds if commodity prices should work. Under this arrangement—still to be finalised—commodity organisations would participate to a maximum of 75 per cent of their own funds, with the remainder to be provided by the Common Fund. In return they would have guaranteed borrowing rights beyond their deposit of commodity stocks, acting both as a modicum of security and as a basis for negotiation.

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of one commodity against obligations incurred in buying the stock in another. Government guarantees—to be pledged at American insistence by members of the commodity agreement and not the Fund itself—would strengthen access to the capital market.

Such a system has many drawbacks. Its high deposit ratio makes it unattractive to existing commodity organisations, most of whose finance comes from producers. It is difficult to see Malaysia or Indonesia wishing to join unless there were a major sweeterener in the shape of consumers' cash. The Japanese and the Germans seem wary of this.

As conceived at the moment, the industrialised nations' scheme is an institution empowered to take deposits and extend lines of credit but without any capital structure of its own or any indication as to membership system of guarantees designed solely to obviate its clumsy objections. Its main advantage is that from the point of view of consumer governments it bolts the door to potentially open-ended calls for funds if commodity prices tumbled down together. It is being presented as a take it or leave it basis.

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scheme, which has been revised since the developing nations presented it in March, would be (a) all nations would provide an initial seed subscription as to get a universal membership of producers and consumers; (b) a concessional "window" would be established with a small capital but as part of the Fund. This is to meet the interests of poorer African states anxious for "other measures" to widen their commodity base; (c) the Fund would rely more on borrowing than contributions, thus avoiding a surplus of idle cash. The initial capital has been halved to \$10m. And finally, (d) it would be a Third World institution with developing nations having majority voting power.

The West has already made clear—and will repeat this week—that such an institution is unacceptable. Is there any room for compromise? Most delegates do not believe that a Common Fund could start operation by 1980. By then a number of commodity agreements will have been established. What some of the EEC delegations and the United States seem to hope is that these agreements can be made sufficiently attractive to enough producers by a sweetener of Western capital to ward off the type of Common Fund which developing nations are now seeking. The Latin Americans are in any case too keen on it. The Africans are seeking assistance. It is said which can be provided in other forms.

## Pooling

On this tactic the aim would be to keep the Common Fund discussions in the air for as long as possible while making progress on commodity agreement thereby bringing into existence the type of pooling mechanism wanted by the industrialised nations. It may succeed. But it would be dangerous to overestimate the divisions within the Third World or underestimate its determination to carry through this measure as the tangible sign of success.

There are far more effective ways of restructuring economies than through action on commodities. Too often the benefits of higher commodity prices are short at government offices in the Third World, benefiting neither consumers, producers nor investors. Concessions to the West on major aid flows to greater access to Western markets for manufactured products would more effectively serve the goal of providing for incomes and jobs to help achieve self-sustaining economic growth. But price stabilisation has become an article of faith in the dialogue between commodity producers and consumers, but also concerned with the capital outlay would with commodity stocks but of importance to would act as a clearing house offsetting balances from the sale

## MEN AND MATTERS

## Strategy and exchange rates

Since announcing the decision to leave his post as director of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Andrew Shonfield has been looking around for a suitable home in Chelsea while spending most of his time at Florence where he will shortly take up his new job as Professor of Economics at the recently created European University.

So when Robert Perlman, chairman of the foreign exchange research organisation now known as the OECD, Up to now, Mr. Shonfield has been a non-executive directorship he accepted with some alacrity.

The two men first made contact in the early seventies when Shonfield, together with Val Duncan of RTZ, Sir Ronald Prain of Roan Selection Trust, Monty Finniston and others were brainstorming about the politics of resources—amazingly a non-subject at the time, as Shonfield recalls.

They decided to set up a formal study group and called in Philip Connely from BP and Perlman to participate and research the subject further. What impressed Shonfield was that the analysis and conclusions reached by Connely and Perlman both anticipated the intervening 1973 oil crisis and stood up well in the aftermath. The findings were later published in book form as *The Politics of Scarcity*.

The esteem is mutual and Perlman has now called in Shonfield to get a broader political economic input at board level to add to the more formal economic analysis and econometric models which form the basis of the company's commodity and foreign exchange research.

This horizon-broadening exercise closely follows an agreement with Larry Klein, who

used to be one of Jimmy Carter's economic advisers and was one of the candidates for Europe a battle-field so often. He chronicled the tiffs of the budget director's job which and subsequently went to Bert Lance, but who now concentrates on running Wharton Econometrics forecasting associates in the U.S.

Under this deal Forex will have access to Wharton's studies in the U.S. and market them in Europe while Wharton will do the same for Forex European studies in the U.S. The link man in all this was Paul Armstrong, who developed the international trade model used by the IMF and the modified version used by the OECD. Up to now Wharton has concentrated on analysing long term trends through its econometric model while Forex has, by the very nature of its subject, concentrated on shorter term studies.

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## Honey's off, dear

When British Leyland proudly unveiled its additions to the new Rover range recently one cynical wit, hearing the paeans of praise being uttered, was heard to mutter: "Yes, it looks as though we've just launched another successful waiting list."

Something similar has just happened to Sinclair Radionics which launched its amazing pocket-sized television on an advertising campaign in January. It has now had to re-schedule an earlier planned advertising campaign because it has been overwhelmed with more orders than its modest factory in a converted old mill on the River Ouse near St. Ives can hope to

Monthly output has risen tenfold since production started in May and now stands at around 2,000 sets. But when Marcus Neimann, chairman of the famous Texan store of the same name, phoned up personally a few days ago he demanded 1,000 from the spot and was not amused when told that this was impossible. Texans aren't used to that kind of language, specially if

they represent a store like Marcus Neimann whose whole reputation rests on its ability to supply the super-rich of Texas with their every whim.

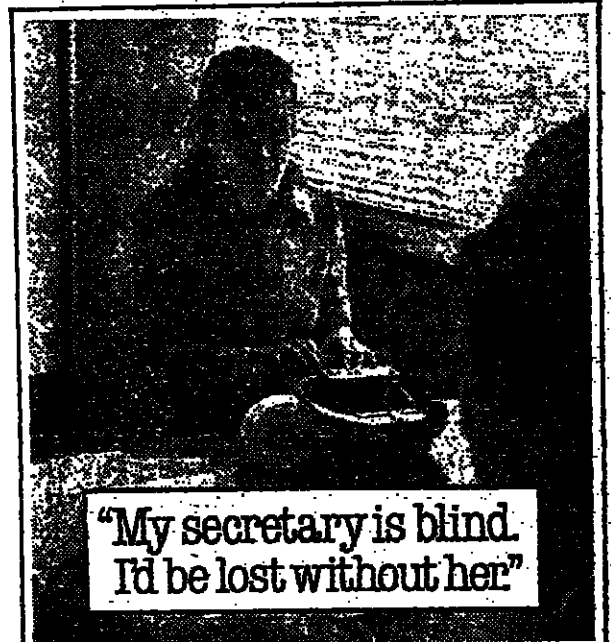
The trouble is that at £900 per set Clive Sinclair's brilliant invention is within reach of many more people than the Texan super-rich and Sinclair are besieged with orders from all over—not least from stores in Britain who are turning potential customers away in droves.

How is it that you invested over £500,000 in research and development, spent money on advertising both here and in the U.S. but then neglected to think big enough on the actual production side? I asked managing director Norman Hewett. The short answer was that it was an unprecedented new product and they had no real way of accurately estimating potential demand—which has been far greater than expected. They have ruled out sub-contracting because of the complexity of the circuits and need for stringent quality control but are investigating a factory extension. As for the possibility that by the time they are able to produce more the Japanese or someone else will have produced a mass production competitor Hewett told me we are not standing still. "When we expand production it will be an updated model with further refinements." My advice is start queuing now.

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## Eurobonds in October

BY MARY CAMPBELL, Euromarkets Editor

The fall in Eurodollar bond prices which started in September slowed up for nothing more than a technical rally throughout October. The fall in the Bondtrade indices for straight bonds give some indication of what happened:

September 30	October 31	
Medium term	102.41	101.50
Long term	98.86	94.70

In the case of the index for long-term bonds, the figure fell from its high for the year at the end of September to its low for the year at the end of October. Yet, even so, the falls in the Bondtrade figures understate the extent of the weakening of the market. For much of the trading was concentrated on the newer issues and they represent a considerably smaller proportion of the Bondtrade index than of secondary market activity. Issues were down up to five points in places, with dealers estimating an average of perhaps two to three points overall.

The main factors behind the fall were the continuing weakness of the U.S. dollar on the foreign exchange markets and the apparently unstoppable rise in U.S. dollar

interest rates under pressure from the Federal Reserve Board. The Fed's policy of pushing up interest rates derived from its concern on the continuation of rises in U.S. money supply above its target range: the Fed. fears that such rises will fuel inflation.

At one point in October it looked as though the interest rate position might stabilise even if money supply continued to go up. With a number of commentators arguing that technical factors were a big element in the money supply rises, the U.S. Administration suggested that keeping too tight a rein on money supply would impede economic recovery. However the Fed. has since resumed its policy of pushing rates up.

The weakness of the secondary market for straight bonds brought new issue activity to its lowest level in years. The total value of new U.S. dollar straight bonds to be announced during October (excluding the two, \$100m. for ENEL and \$25m. for City Investing, which were withdrawn during the offering period)

was \$190m. In addition to this, two major private placements were also arranged—\$65m. for British Shipbuilders and \$160m. for the U.S. company Reynolds. But there were only five public issues of straight bonds altogether.

It is worth noting that the weakness of the straight bond market only partially fed through into the convertibles and floating rate notes. A number of floating rate note issues were completed during October as were also a couple of convertibles.

The low level of new issue activity in the dollar sector was matched only by an extremely high level of new issue activity in the D-mark sector. While there was little evidence of actual selling of U.S. dollar bonds by investors in any quantity in October, the pace at which the German banks were able to dispose of new issues denominated in D-marks does suggest that there were some flows on investment funds into that currency which might otherwise have gone into dollar-denominated paper.

The total volume of D-mark paper announced in October was closer to DM2bn. than DM1.5bn. Some of this took the form of increases in the size of issues which had originally been scheduled at smaller amounts. These increases in size were only one element in the strength

of this sector: a large number of issues also enjoyed coupon cuts from the level originally indicated.

In fact towards the end of the month the situation became somewhat competitive and several of the new issues sank to steep discounts in secondary market trading immediately after issue. In addition, the sheer volume of new paper coming on to the market depressed the secondary market for D-mark bonds, which was not fundamentally very strong anyway.

Perhaps the most notable index of the currency situation was the fact that a \$35m. convertible issue scheduled for the Swedish company Sandvik was converted right at the end of the offering period effectively into a D-mark issue by the addition of a new clause giving bondholders an option to receive interest and amortisation in D-marks or dollars.

In other sectors, the Swiss franc market continued to perform strongly on currency considerations (one Swiss banker commented that the Swiss franc is no longer a currency but rather a commodity). There was one Canadian dollar denominated issue but this suffered heavily from the weakness of the currency.

There was one issue in Bahraini dinars and one in Kuwaiti dinars.

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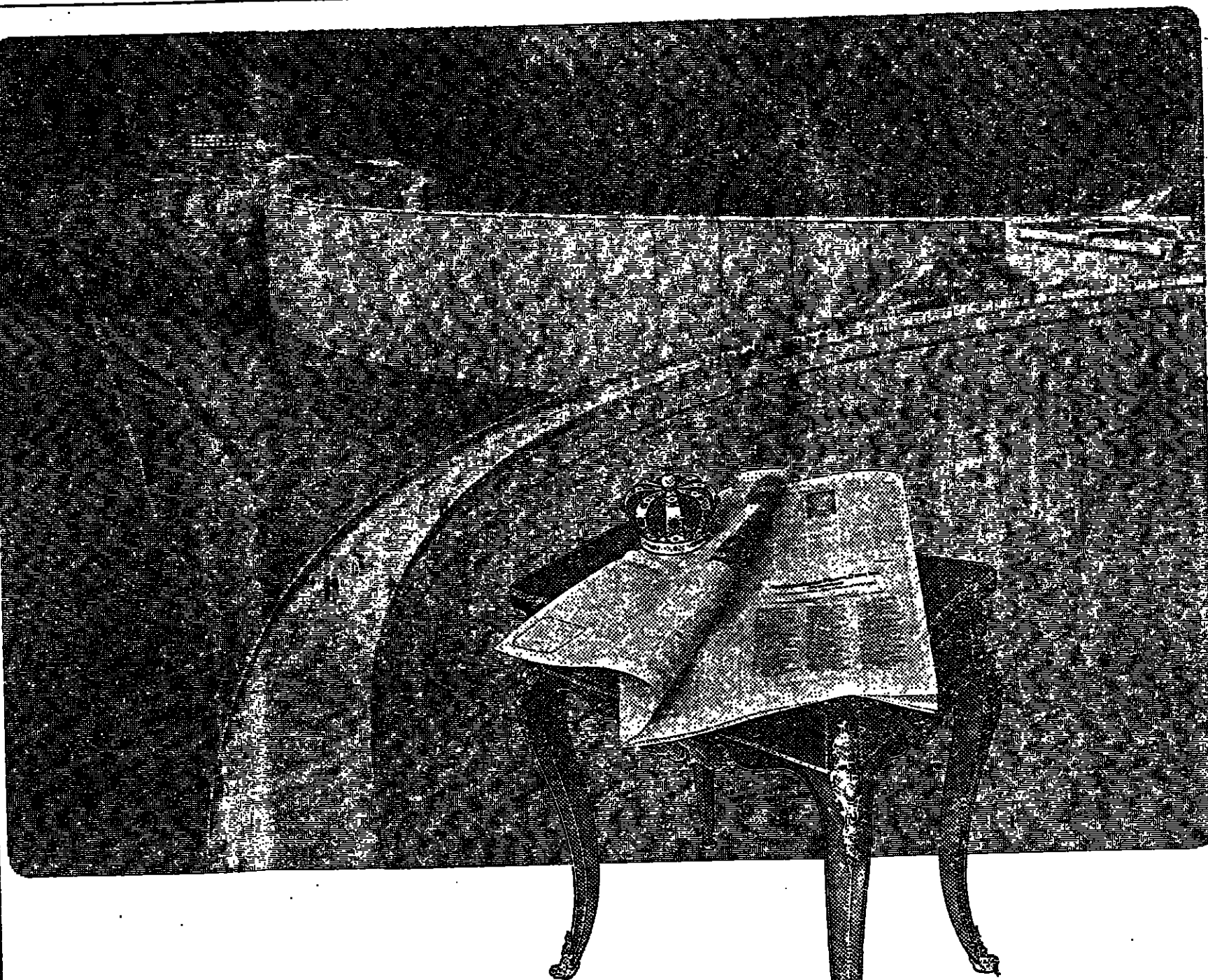
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7½%	Govt. Loan 77/78/92	7.9	99.10	7.90
7½%	BNG 77/78/87	5.9	100.10	7.63
8%	BNG 77/83/87	7.8	100.90	7.86
7½%	Amrobank 77/78/87	5.5	99.40	7.87
7½%	Ned. Gasu. 77/78/87	5.5	99.60	7.84
7½%	Ned. Ont. Bk. 77/83/87	8.0	99.30	7.90
7½%	Pierson 77/78/87	5.4	98.50	7.83
7½%	Rabobk 77/78/87	5.4	99.20	8.06
7½%	Austria 77/83/87	7.8	100.20	7.70

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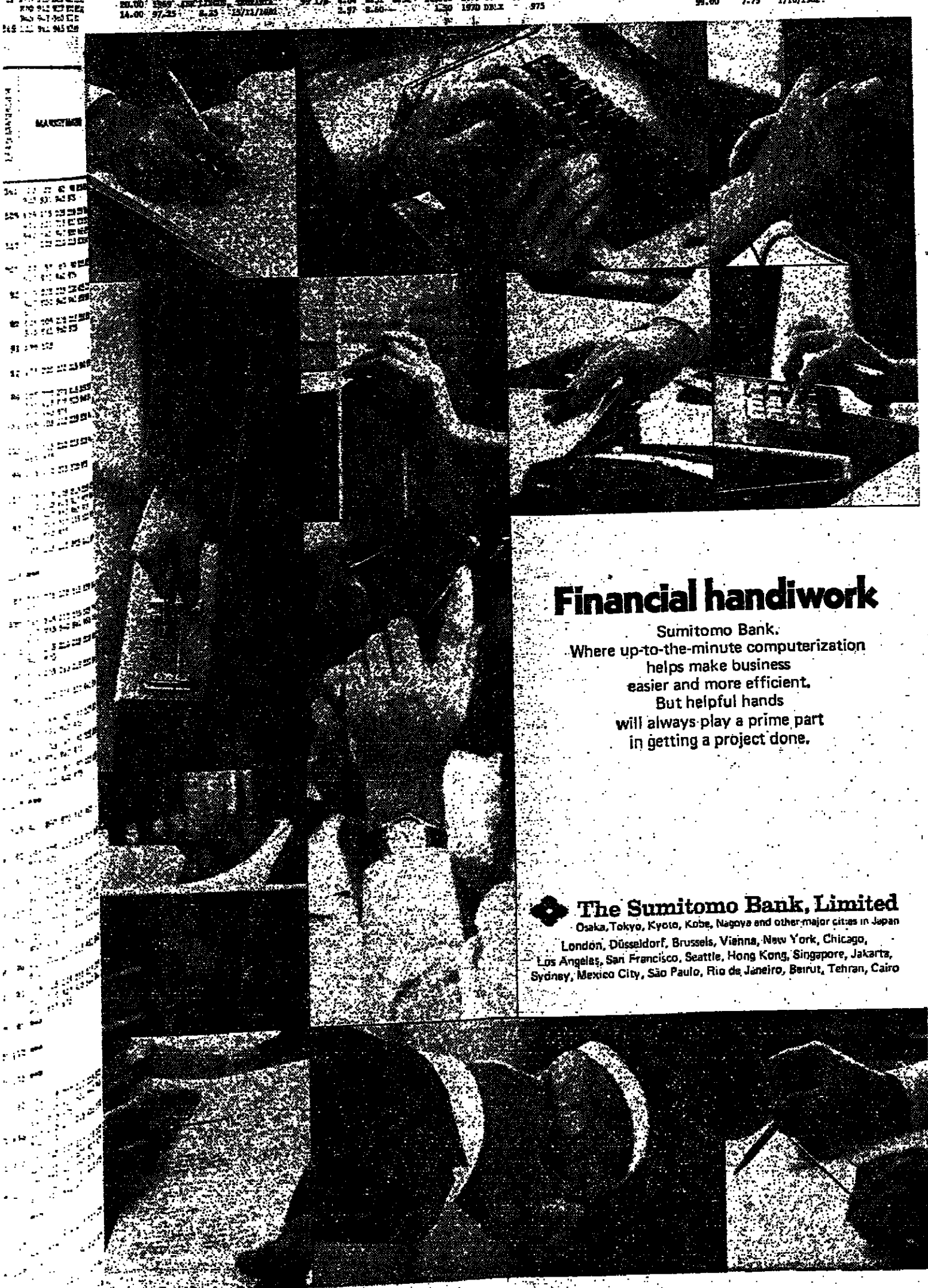
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ISSUE	COUPON DATES	REPAYMENT	SINKING FUND (STARTING)	PRICE		CURRENT YIELD	YIELD TO MATURITY
				BID	ASKED		
D-MARK BONDS							
6 1/2% Brenner Autobahn 1968 (G)	1.2-1.8	1.8,74-83	1.8,73	102 1/2	103 1/2	6.55%	6.22%
6% Donaukraftwerke 1959 (G)	1.2-1.8	1.2,63-84	—	103 1/2	103 1/2	5.80%	5.43%
6 1/2% Donaukraftwerke 1973 (G)	1.3	1.3,73-87	1.12,77	102 1/2	103 1/2	6.35%	6.32%
7% Girozentrale Wien 1976	1.1,1	1.1,18-81	—	104 1/2	104 1/2	6.70%	5.73%
7% Girozentrale Wien 1976	1.1,1	1.1,18-83	—	104 1/2	103 1/2	6.90%	6.21%
8 1/2% IAKW 1975 (G)	1.5,1	1.5,80-85	1.2,78	102 1/2	103 1/2	8.10%	7.34%
6 1/2% Kelag 1973 (S)	1.5	1.5,79-85	—	111 1/2	111 1/2	6.55%	6.35%
8 1/2% Oester. Draufkraftwerke 1975 (G)	1.3	1.3,81-85	—	101 1/2	102 1/2	7.87%	6.79%
7% Oester. Elektrizitaetswerk 1967 (G)	1.2-1.8	1.2,73-87	—	101 1/2	102 1/2	6.83%	6.79%
7% Rep. Oesterreich 1969	1.4-1.10	1.4,73-82	1.4,72	102 1/2	103 1/2	6.80%	6.81%
9% Rep. Oesterreich 1975	1.2	1.2,83	1.1,74	103 1/2	103 1/2	6.20%	5.34%
8 1/2% Rep. Oesterreich 1973	1.5	1.3,78-87	1.2,77	106 1/2	107 1/2	7.91%	7.26%
7 1/2% Rep. Oesterreich 1976	2.5	2,3,82-86	1.2,82	107 1/2	108 1/2	8.10%	7.34%
8 1/2% Rep. Oesterreich 1977	1.4	1.6,83-85	2,1,82	103 1/2	104 1/2	6.30%	6.08%
7 1/2% Tauerkraftwerke 1968 (G)	1.3-1.9	1.4,73-83	1.9,73	103 1/2	103 1/2	6.21%	5.98%
7 1/2% Tauerkraftwerke 1968 (G)	1.2-1.8	1.2,74-83	—	103 1/2	103 1/2	6.78%	6.25%
7 1/2% Tauernkraftwerke 1968 (G)	1.7	1.7,81	—	112 1/2	113 1/2	8.46%	5.74%
8 1/2% Voest 1973	1.1,0	1.1,0,79-85	1.6,78	106 1/2	106 1/2	7.53%	7.25%
8 1/2% Voest 1975	1.6	1.6,84-89	—	107 1/2	107 1/2	7.92%	7.22%
9 1/2% Voest 1977	1.6-1,12	1.6,74-83	1.5,73	102 1/2	102 1/2	6.59%	6.44%
7% Wien 1968	1.8	1.5,79-84	—	103 1/2	103 1/2	6.78%	6.40%
8 1/2% Wien 1973	1.8	1.5,79-84	—	106	106 1/2	7.76%	7.07%
U.S. \$ BONDS							
6% Rep. Austria 1964	31.1-31.7	31.1,71-84	3.1,70	98 1/2	99 1/2	6.06%	6.28%
6% Rep. Austria 1967	15.3-15.9	15.3,72-82	15,3,71	98 1/2	100 1/2	6.75%	6.83%
6% Rep. Austria 1975	15.3	15.3,78-90	15,8,77	100	100 1/2	8.73%	8.71%
6 1/2% Aust. Electricity 1968 (G)	1.4-1,7	1.7,70-80	1.2,89	95 1/2	96 1/2	6.87%	7.27%
6 1/2% Aust. Electricity 1967 (G)	1.4-1,10	1.7,70-80	1.1,0,70	99	99 1/2	6.30%	7.03%
6 1/2% Alpine Montan 1967 (G)	1.4-1,10	1.1,0,71-82	15,6,71	93 1/2	94 1/2	6.12%	6.77%
6 1/2% Alpine Montan 1977 (G)	15.3	15,3,83-87	15,3,82	99 1/2	99 1/2	8.29%	8.33%
6 1/2% Tauernkraftwerke 1968 (G)	23.10	23,10,70-78	23,10,69	98 1/2	99 1/2	7.06%	7.06%
6 1/2% Voest 1965 (G)	31.1,0	31,1,0,70-85	31,1,0,69	96 1/2	97 1/2	6.74%	7.09%
6 1/2% Transalpine Fin. Hldg. 1966	31.1,0	31,1,0,70-85	31,1,0,69	97	97 1/2	6.94%	7.20%
6 1/2% Transalpine Fin. Hldg. 1966	31.7	31,7,70-85	31,7,69	99	99 1/2	8.80%	6.83%
6 1/2% Transalpine Fin. Hldg. 1967	31.1	31,1,73-82	31,1,72	98 1/2	99 1/2	8.82%	6.87%
6 1/2% Transalpine Fin. Hldg. 1967	30.4	30,4,74-83	30,4,73	98 1/2	99 1/2	8.82%	6.87%
7 1/2% Trans-Austria Gasline 1973	15.1	15,1,77-83	15,1,76	91 1/2	91 1/2	9.20%	9.11%
AUSTRIAN SCHILLING BONDS							
9 1/2% Kontrollbank 1974	14.8	14.8,79	—	101	102	9.36%	5.56%
DOMESTIC ISSUES							
8% Bundesanleihe 1966	30.4	30,4,70-81	—	97 1/2	98 1/2	8.15%	8.62%
8% Investitionsanleihe 1967	2.3	2,3,69-82 (103)	R	99 1/2	100	8.02%	8.63%
8% Investitionsanleihe 1967-11	—	1,12,69-78 (103)	R	101	101 1/2	7.90%	8.67%
8% Investitionsanleihe 1969-A	15.2	13,2,75-79 (103)	R	101 1/2	102 1/2	7.57%	8.67%
8% Investitionsanleihe 1971/II/B	15.11	13,11,73-79 (101)	R	99 1/2	99 1/2	8.04%	8.78%
8% Investitionsanleihe 1972-B	15.3	15,3,76-80 (101)	R	97 1/2	97 1/2	8.07%	8.80%
8% Investitionsanleihe 1972-II/B	1.7	1,7,77-82	R	97 1/2	97 1/2	8.31%	8.63%
8% Investitionsanleihe 1972/II/B	1.5	1,1,0,75-81	R	98 1/2	98 1/2	8.08%	8.62%
8% Investitionsanleihe 1973-B	13.10	13,2,77-81 (101)	R	98 1/2	99 1/2	8.08%	8.62%
8% Investitionsanleihe 1973-II/B	2.7	2,7,76-81 (102)	R	98 1/2	99 1/2	8.08%	8.62%
8% Investitionsanleihe 1973/II/B	20.11	20,11,74-82 (102,50)	R	99 1/2	100	8.03%	8.52%
8% Investitionsanleihe 1973/III/B	1.4	1,4,76-82 (104,30)	R	101	101 1/2	7.90%	8.53%
8% Investitionsanleihe 1974-I/B	22.10	22,10,73-82	R	98 1/2	99 1/2	8.03%	8.53%
8% Investitionsanleihe 1974-II/B	1.6	1,6,70-80	R	98 1/2	99 1/2	8.03%	8.53%
8% Investitionsanleihe 1974-III/B	15.11	13,11,77-80 (100,50)	R	99 1/2	99 1/2	8.34%	8.94%
8% Energieanleihe 1974-S (G)	18.2	18,2,78-81 (101)	R	99 1/2	99 1/2	8.54%	8.84%
8% Energieanleihe 1975-B (G)	20.11	20,11,77-80 (100,50)	R	99 1/2	99 1/2	8.54%	8.84%
8% Kelag Anleihe 1974 (S)	20.12	20,12,77-80 (100,50)	R	99 1/2	99 1/2	8.54%	8.83%
8% Vorarlberger Kraftwerke 1974 (S)	1.2-1.8	1,2,70-80	R	98 1/2	99 1/2	8.09%	8.73%
8% Wiener Stadtanleihe 1963	1.6	1,6,70-81	R	97 1/2	98	8.19%	8.75%
8% Wiener Stadtanleihe 1966	15.6	13,6,68-83 (103)	R	99 1/2	100	8.02%	8.62%
8% Wiener Stadtanleihe 1967	15.5	15,5,74-88 (101,50)	R	98 1/2	99 1/2	8.44%	8.68%
8% Wiener Stadtanleihe 1973	20.4	20,4,76-83	R	98	98 1/2	8.65%	8.89%
8% Wiener Stadtanleihe 1975/B	20.4	20,4,76-83	R	98	98 1/2	8.65%	8.89%
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27.00 1973 BANK OF AMERICA	96 3/4 15 3/32	7.57	7.35	102.25	1978 WF	108 115 520			
50.00 98-50	7.00 1/1 3/1981	9.47	7.27	FF	75	1974 L2K			
14.00 1974 BANK OF AMERICA	101 1/8 11 3/16	8.55	8.45	100.00	1980 OK	105 115 215 520			
14.00 98-00	8.75 6/1 3/1989	11.50	8.50	100.00	1975 L2K				
15.00 1974 C.F. & M.	125 1/4 12 1/2	8.55	8.54	100.00	1978 WF	108 115 520			
13.00 97-50	8.75 1/1 4/1988	8.80	8.49	1.13	1970 L2K3AM				
15.00 1968 C.F. & M.	127 5/8 1.00	8.00	8.77	1.50	1978 WF	108 115 520			
1.50 98-00	7.25 2/1 1/1978	8.50	8.50	1.50	1969 L2K				
10.00 1969 C.F. & M.	127 7/8 1.00	8.44	8.76	100.25	1978 WF	108 115 520			
2.00 98-00	7.50 2/1 8/1978	8.50	8.50	262.00	1978 WF	117 115 215 510 520			
3.00 1964 C.F. & M. (PORTFOLIO)	125 7/8 2.63	8.54	5.56	100.50	1978 WF	108 115 520			
1.45 98-00	7.00 1/7 5/1980	1.47		.81	1969 L2K				
16.00 1983 CANSA PR. IN. WILKINSON	100 1/2 1.00	3.94	5.42	60	WF	230 115 510 520			
1.00 98-12	3.50 3/1 10/1978	1.00	3.94	1.00	1969 L2K				
10.00 1979 CHERNOBYL (C.F. & M.)	128 1/2 1.25	8.50	6.46	6.81	262.00	1978 WF	117 115 215 510 520		
9.00 98-25	8.75 1/1 1/1983	4.12	8.62	.56	1971 L2K				
20.00 1976 CITY OF CHICAGO	106 1/4 8.62	7.72	8.24	100.25	1981 WF	210 115 510 520			
98-00	8.75 12/1 6/1985			55	1975 L2K				
25.00 1975 CITY OF CHICAGO	107 7/8 7.80	7.87	8.57	106.50	1980 WF	210 115 510 520			
15.00 1975 CITY OF CHICAGO	105 1/2 7.50	7.54	8.16	1.16	1975 L2K				
15.00 1974 CITY OF CHICAGO	104 1/4 2.04	6.61	9.41	WF	230 115 510 520				
98-25	10.00 1/1 1/1978								
18.00 1975 CITY OF WISCONSIN	108	5.25	8.05	9.36	FF	230 115 510 520 715 745			
10.00 1973 CITY OF WISCONSIN	127 1/2 8.63	4.22	8.27	FF	7.75	1977 L2K			
6-10 98-00	8.00 15/1 5/1984	5.04	2.18	.85	1972 L2K				
12.00 1976 CITY OF MICHIGAN	108 7/8 12.42	8.39	8.54	100.50	1982 WF	210 115 510 520			
10.00 98-50	8.95 1/1 4/1995	8.47	8.21	.40	1975 L2K				
15.00 1976 CITY OF MICHIGAN	108	4.10	7.56	8.46	3.75	1978 WF	210 115 510 520		
10.00 100-00	9.10 5/12 3/1981	2.80							
24.00 1975 CITY OF MICHIGAN	106 3/8 7.96	8.09	8.88	109.50	1980 WF	210 115 510 520			
23.50 99-50	9.25 12/1 10/1985	8.41	7.72	57	1976 L2K				
17.00 1976 COMPANIES	104 1/2 11.36	8.41	8.44	100.00	1978 WF	108 115 215 510 520			
15.00 98-00	9.25 12/1 3/1989	8.51	8.58						
15.00 1971 COMPANIES	127 5/8 7.56	4.16	8.37	100.50	1979 WF	210 115 510 520			
12.50 97-25	8.00 1/1 5/1984	8.50	2.80	.80	1973 L2K				
12.50 1971 COMPANIES	127 1/2 7.50	4.14	8.17	104.00	1979 WF	210 115 510 520			
9.12 97-25	8.00 15/1 7/1984	8.50	8.33	.73	1972 L2K				
10.00 1968 COMPANIES	127 5/8 7.56	4.16	8.37	100.50	1979 WF	210 115 510 520			
9.90 98-25	8.95 2/1 3/1980	1.56	8.50	1.50	1980 AMEL				
15.00 1969 COMPANIES	128 7/8 6.30	8.56	8.56	101.50	1978 WF	210 115 510 520			
9.25 98-50	7.00 8/1 5/1984	3.72	.11	1.10	1976 L2K				
10.00 1971 COMPANIES	127 5/8 7.56	4.16	8.37	100.50	1979 WF	210 115 510 520			
9.00 100-00	8.00 10/1 3/1984	8.68	1.79	.80	1972 L2K3A				
20.00 1975 COMPANIES	104	7.58	9.56	102.50	1980 WF	210 115 510 520			
98-50	9.25 2/1 10/1985	WF	1.25	1979 L2K					
20.00 1975 COMPANIES	104 1/2 7.57	8.41	8.79	106.50	1980 WF	210 115 510 520			
98-50	9.25 2/1 10/1985	WF	.82	1977 L2K					
15.00 1977 CREDIT NATIONAL	127 1/2 8.75	8.18	8.37	102.00	1979	WF	210 115 215 520 715 745		
8.50 98-25	8.00 3/1 3/1984	7.43	1.83	1.00	1972 L2K				
15.00 1971 MANUFACTURER SUPPLY CO. L.	127 5/8 8.50	8.29	6.48	101.50	1980 WF	210 115 510 520			
9.00 100-00	8.25 7/1 5/1985	4.32	1.78	1.00	1972 L2K				
25.00 1976 KROGER-GRUBER	107 3/8 6.18	7.71	8.61	106.00	1979 OK	210 115 215 520 715 745			
10.00 98-00	8.25 10/1 3/1984	127 1/2	8.28	5.37	1974 OK	230 115 520			
2.00 98-75	7.00 8/1 3/1978	.58		2.00	1965 AMEL				
20.00 1971 KROGER	121 1/2 8.61	5.18	7.98	101.50	1980 WF	210 115 520			
12.02 97-25	8.25 11/1 4/1984	8.43	3.17	1.33	1972 L2K				
12.00 1970 KROGER	127 1/2 2.63	7.29	10.10	103.00	1979 WF	108 115 520			
14.00 1970 KROGER	127 1/2 2.63	7.29	10.10	103.00	1979 WF	108 115 520			
20.00 1984 KROGER CAL. & KROGER	128 7/8 8.25	2.38	8.80	101.00	1978 WF	210 115 510 520			
12.20 98-35	5.75 1/1 2/1984	4.82	.11	1.38	1972 AMEL				
15.00 1975 FARMER & MCMURRAY BANK	106 5/8 6.82	8.04	8.90	101.50	1980 WF	210 115 510 520 715 745			
23.50 98-00	9.50 7/1 1/1982	6.82	7.72	1.50	1979 L2K				
10.00 1974 FARMER TELEPHONE CO.	106	6.87	7.88	101.50	1981 WF	210 115 510 520			
98-00	9.00 15/1 1/1984	WF	.55	1976 L2K					
15.00 1975 FARMER	106 1/2 3.64	8.20	9.13	101.50	1979 WF	210 115 510 520			
10.00 98-00	9.75 10/1 4/1983	8.13	7.41	1.00	1970 L2K				
13.00 1964 FARMER	123 3/8 6.43	1.76	8.56	100.00	1976 WF	210 115 215 520			
3.65 98-00	5.625 15/1 4/1984	2.67		.88	1970 L2K				
3.00 1963 FARMER	127 5/8 7.00	4.73		.65	WF	230 115 520			
50.00 97-00	6.00 15/1 7/1978	9.44	7.58	1.17	FF	1.25	1978 WF	210 115 510 520 715 745	
25.00 1977 FARMER	104	7.68	8.17	FF	1.25	1978 WF	210 115 510 520 715 745		
120.25 98-00	9.50 2/6 4/1987	WF	.55	1976 L2K					
29.00 1977 FARMER	108 1/2 7.40	8.16	8.95	FF	1.00	1977 L2K			
25.00 1971 KROGER OF MICHIGAN	127 5/8 8.83	4.13	6.27	101.75	1978 WF	210 115 510 520			
19.00 98-50	8.00 2/5 6/1985	8.83	1.95	2.00	1975 L2K				
12.00 1963 MICHIGAN	138 7/8 2.11	1.50	4.59	100.00	1979 OK	210 115 520			
8.22 98-00	9.50 15/1 1/1983	2.86		.88	1970 L2K				
15.00 1972 MICHIGAN	127 5/8 8.27	5.89	4.07	101.00	1979 WF	210 115 510 520			
10.00 98-00	9.25 12/1 3/1989	8.13	1.55	1.10	1976 L2K				
15.00 1971 FREEDMAN	102 3/8 6.71	8.41	8.35	100.00	1978 WF	108 115 215 510 520			
19.00 98-00	8.75 2/2 2/1989	7.77	3.22	.85	1975 L2K				
12.00 1968 FARMER OF MICHIGAN	128 3/8 3.16	4.68	5.38	102.25	1978 WF	210 115 510 520			
20.50 98-00	7.00 1/7 4/1989	8.26	2.54	.75	1970 L2K				
12.00 1970 FARMER OF MICHIGAN	128 3/8 3.27	2.68	7.00	101.00	1976 WF	210 115 510 520			
25.00 1975 FARMER OF MICHIGAN	128 3/8 3.27	2.68	7.00	101.00	1976 WF	210 115 510 520			
50.00 1975 FARMER OF MICHIGAN	128 3/8 3.27	2.68	7.00	101.00	1976 WF	210 115 510 520			
100.00 98-00	9.25 4/1 1/1983	8.10	7.71	8.49	102.50	1980 WF	210 115 510 520		
8.50 1966 FARMER ACCOUNTING	127 5/8 2.56		4.77	100.75	1978 WF	210 115 520			
9-11 98-00	6.00 2/5 11/1980	2.31		1.94	1968 L2K				
12.00 1988 BANK OF AMERICA	128 7/8 5.94	2.48	4.48	9.48	1978 WF	210 115 520			
50.00 98-50	8.75 1/1 3/1981	9.44		.88	1965 AMEL				

ISSUER/ ESTIMATED DTD (MMO)	YEAR OF DELIVERY/ ESTIMATED	BORROWER/ COUPON/MATURITY	PRICE	LIBR/ AVERAGE LIFE	YIELD TO MATURITY/ YIELD TO AVERAGE LIFE	CURRENT YIELD	NET C/P PRICE/ NET C/P ANNUITY	NET C/P DATE/ FIRST C/P DATE	SECURITY/ C/P ANNUITY	LEAD MANAGER	MARKET MAKERS
12.00	1975	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	103 5/8	10.49	6.03	8.22	100.00	1979 1/8	100	115 510 520	
12.00	1975	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	8.50	24/12/1988				1979 1/8	100	115 510 520	
15.00	1975	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	104 5/8	9.31	7.72	8.70	101.00	1979 1/8	100	115 510 520	520
15.00	1975	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	8.50	24/12/1988				1979 1/8	100	115 510 520	
12.00	1976	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	107 7/8	8.71	7.95	8.37	101.25	1980 1/8	100	115 510 520	
100.00	9.25	16/11/1986					75	1977 1/8	100	115 510 520	
12.00	1974	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	1.109 5/8	17.14	8.08	9.12	102.00	1980 3/8	100	115 510 520	
99.50	10.00	20/12/1994						1978 1/8	100	115 510 520	
93.00	1975	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	106 1/4	6.48	7.60	8.71	102.00	1979 1/8	100	115 510 520	
93.00	99.50	9.25 27/7/1982					1.13	1978 1/8	100	115 510 520	
24.00	1974	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	106 1/4	6.61	8.46	9.18	101.50	1979 1/8	100	115 510 520	
17.00	99.50	9.75 12/1/1984					1.00	1975 1/8	100	115 510 520	
70.00	1970	REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA	121	3.16	4.15	7.23	101.25	1978 1/8	100	115 510 520	
10.50	1970	REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA	121	3.13	4.15	7.23	101.25	1978 1/8	100	115 510 520	
12.00	1971	S.A. - FRANCE	127 1/2	6.48	4.16	6.27	102.00	1979 1/8	100	115 510 520	
7.20	100.00	8.00 6/7/1986					.80	1972 1/8	100	115 510 520	
24.00	1975	S.A. - FRANCE	106 3/8	8.12	8.14	8.70	102.00	1980 1/8	100	117 115 283 215 510 520	
22.00	100.00	9.25 15/12/1985					2.00	1980 1/8	100	115 510 520	
25.00	1975	S.A. - FRANCE	106 3/8	9.31	8.85	8.90	102.00	1980 1/8	100	92 115 283 215 510 520	
25.00	100.00	9.25 31/3/1987					1.00	1978 1/8	100	115 510 520	
15.00	1971	S.A. - G.P.	127 3/8	6.40	3.87	6.04	101.75	1979 1/8	100	115 215 510 520	
41.00	99.50	7.75 25/3/1986					.80	1972 1/8	100	115 510 520	
5.00	1991	SACOR	YES	125	2.25			1978 1/8	100	250 115 520	
-5.00	99.00	5.75 17/2/1978					.48	1964 1/8	100	115 510 520	
5.00	1992	SACOR	YES	125	2.50			1978 1/8	100	250 115 520	
-5.00	99.00	5.75 25/3/1978					.50	1965 1/8	100	115 510 520	
6.00	1990	SCANDIA POWER/ELECTRIC	127 3/4	8.11	3.52	6.28	101.50	1978 1/8	100	215 510 520	
5.93	98.00	8.00 18/12/1984					4.78	1978 1/8	100	215 510 520	
40.00	1975	STANDARD OIL	101 5/8	10.04	7.27	7.47	102.00	1979 1/8	100	556 115 510 520	
39.00	100.00	8.00 15/12/1988					.80	1974 1/8	100	115 510 520	
20.00	1975	STANDARD OIL	106 3/4	6.16	7.76	8.51	102.00	1979 1/8	100	250 115 215 510 520	
99.00	9.25	25/12/1985					1/2	1975 1/8	100	115 510 520	
12.00	1968	WATNEY MARK INT DEV	125 7/8	6.02	2.68	5.54	103.00	1978 1/8	100	32 115 510 520	
7.00	99.00	7.00 12/1/1984					1.00	1970 1/8	100	115 510 520	
FRANCE FRANCE											
100.00	1978	ARNOVALTALS	F 97 3/4	7.51	10.42	10.28				100 451 210 510 520	
100.00	9.25	15/10/1987					13.00	1979 1/8	100	115 510 520	
100.00	1972	B.A.P. INT DEV	74 1/8	10.04	10.45	9.85	100.25	1978 1/8	100	210 218 520	
98.00	98.50	7.50 15/11/1987					4.00	1973 1/8	100	115 510 520	
100.00	1972	BAW TRANSALPACALTA	90	9.58	10.99	9.58	101.50	1979 1/8	100	210 215 520	
98.00	98.00	7.50 1/3/1987					6.78	1978 1/8	100	210 215 520	
100.00	1972	BAW TRANSALPACALTA	75	9.75	10.97	10.00	102.25	1979 1/8	100	210 215 520	
42.00	130.00	7.50 1/8/1987					P 2.00	1975 1/8	100	210 215 520	
100.00	1972	BATISSE LEBLANC MOBILE	75 3/8	9.42	11.85	9.95	102.25	1978 1/8	100	210 215 520	
94.00	100.00	7.50 30/7/1987					1/2	1977 1/8	100	210 215 520	
150.00	1975	CHARBONNAGES DE FRANCE	100 1/2	2.10	9.79	9.85	103.00	1977 1/8	100	96 205 210 215 520	
100.00	10.25	31/12/1980						1977 1/8	100	96 205 210 215 520	
94.00	1975	CHARBONNAGES DE FRANCE	100 1/2	4.45	10.07	10.20	100.50	1975 1/8	100	96 205 210 215 520	
100.00	10.25	31/12/1982					1/2	1975 1/8	100	96 205 210 215 520	
100.00	1974	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	75 3/8	9.78	11.78	9.92	101.50	1978 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
99.00	98.00	7.50 12/12/1987					2.00	1978 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
100.00	1972	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	76 3/4	9.97	11.91	9.77	101.50	1978 1/8	100	205 210 215 520	
98.00	98.00	7.50 31/1/1987					3.00	1975 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
100.00	1972	CIAT OF OIL	74 1/4	10.23	10.83	9.32	101.75	1980 3/8	100	205 210 215 520	
97.50	99.50	7.25 1/3/1984					2.10	1973 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
125.00	1975	COMPTON TOBACCO OF FRANCE	100 5/8	4.57	10.04	10.19	101.00	1979 1/8	100	125 210 215 520	
115.00	120.00	10.25 25/7/1982					8.75	1976 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
90.00	1975	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	99 1/2	2.96	10.45	10.50	103.00	1977 1/8	100	96 205 210 215 520	
100.00	10.25	31/12/1980						1977 1/8	100	96 205 210 215 520	
100.00	1977	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	80 3/4	10.71	11.15	9.51	101.50	1981 1/8	100	205 210 215 520 715	
92.00	98.50	7.50 16/7/1988					2.00	1981 1/8	100	205 210 215 520 715	
55.00	1971	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	96 3/4	7.75	9.96	8.35	101.50	1979 1/8	100	205 210 215 520	
12.00	100.00	4.25 1/7/1978					12.50	1975 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
30.00	1973	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	93 3/8	2.77	10.80	7.48	101.00	1978 1/8	100	112 205 210 215 520	
94.00	98.50	7.50 1/7/1988					1.77	1978 1/8	100	112 205 210 215 520	
150.00	1972	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	74 1/4	9.97	11.91	9.77	101.50	1978 1/8	100	205 210 215 520	
100.00	98.00	7.25 1/7/1987					3.00	1975 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
100.00	1972	CIAT OF OIL	74 1/4	10.23	10.83	9.32	101.75	1980 3/8	100	205 210 215 520	
97.50	99.50	7.25 1/3/1984					2.10	1973 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
125.00	1975	COMPTON TOBACCO OF FRANCE	100 5/8	4.57	10.04	10.19	101.00	1979 1/8	100	125 210 215 520	
115.00	120.00	10.25 25/7/1982					8.75	1976 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
90.00	1975	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	99 1/2	2.96	10.45	10.50	103.00	1977 1/8	100	96 205 210 215 520	
100.00	10.25	31/12/1980						1977 1/8	100	96 205 210 215 520	
100.00	1977	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	80 3/4	10.71	11.15	9.51	101.50	1981 1/8	100	205 210 215 520 715	
92.00	98.50	7.50 16/7/1988					2.00	1981 1/8	100	205 210 215 520 715	
55.00	1971	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	96 3/4	7.75	9.96	8.35	101.50	1979 1/8	100	205 210 215 520	
12.00	100.00	4.25 1/7/1978					12.50	1975 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
30.00	1973	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	93 3/8	2.77	10.80	7.48	101.00	1978 1/8	100	112 205 210 215 520	
94.00	98.50	7.50 1/7/1988					1.77	1978 1/8	100	112 205 210 215 520	
150.00	1972	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	74 1/4	9.97	11.91	9.77	101.50	1978 1/8	100	205 210 215 520	
100.00	98.00	7.25 1/7/1987					3.00	1975 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
100.00	1972	CIAT OF OIL	74 1/4	10.23	10.83	9.32	101.75	1980 3/8	100	205 210 215 520	
97.50	99.50	7.25 1/3/1984					2.10	1973 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
125.00	1975	COMPTON TOBACCO OF FRANCE	100 5/8	4.57	10.04	10.19	101.00	1979 1/8	100	125 210 215 520	
115.00	120.00	10.25 25/7/1982					8.75	1976 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
90.00	1975	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	99 1/2	2.96	10.45	10.50	103.00	1977 1/8	100	96 205 210 215 520	
100.00	10.25	31/12/1980						1977 1/8	100	96 205 210 215 520	
100.00	1977	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	80 3/4	10.71	11.15	9.51	101.50	1981 1/8	100	205 210 215 520 715	
92.00	98.50	7.50 16/7/1988					2.00	1981 1/8	100	205 210 215 520 715	
55.00	1971	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	96 3/4	7.75	9.96	8.35	101.50	1979 1/8	100	205 210 215 520	
12.00	100.00	4.25 1/7/1978					12.50	1975 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
30.00	1973	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	93 3/8	2.77	10.80	7.48	101.00	1978 1/8	100	112 205 210 215 520	
94.00	98.50	7.50 1/7/1988					1.77	1978 1/8	100	112 205 210 215 520	
150.00	1972	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	74 1/4	9.97	11.91	9.77	101.50	1978 1/8	100	205 210 215 520	
100.00	98.00	7.25 1/7/1987					3.00	1975 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
100.00	1972	CIAT OF OIL	74 1/4	10.23	10.83	9.32	101.75	1980 3/8	100	205 210 215 520	
97.50	99.50	7.25 1/3/1984					2.10	1973 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
125.00	1975	COMPTON TOBACCO OF FRANCE	100 5/8	4.57	10.04	10.19	101.00	1979 1/8	100	125 210 215 520	
115.00	120.00	10.25 25/7/1982					8.75	1976 1/8	100	93 210 215 520	
90.00	1975	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	99 1/2	2.96	10.45	10.50	103.00	1977 1/8	100	96 205 210 215 520	
100.00	10.25	31/12/1980						1977 1/8	100	96 205 210 215 520	
100.00	1977	CHARENTAIS COMBUSTIBLES	80 3/4	10.71	11.15	9.51	101.50	1981 1/8	100	205 210 215 520 715	
92.00	98.50	7.50 16/7/1988									



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55.00 1970	REYOL	4.75 13/ 1/1987	105 7/8	4.47	3.90 35 3/4	3.31	PS BU	346	520 870 935 940 960
45.00 100.00			10 1/2	2.47	11.00 1/ 1/1973		STKL		975
55.00 1968	RTD-FIELD METALS CAP	5.00 1/ 6/1988	80 1/4	5.95	7.12 40 44 7/8	26.67	PS BU	399	520 880 935 940 960
35.00 100.00			30 1/2	4.89	7.00 31 3/1989		STKL		975
15.00 1972	SABY INDUSTRIES	6.75 15/ 5/1988	68 1/8	8.52	10.25 50 13	129.58	PS BU	378	800 935 940 940 975
12.00 100.00			4 1/2	7.00	200 1/1973		STKL		
15.00 1968	SOM OVERSEAS CAP. CORP.	5.25 1/ 3/1989	81 1/4	6.66	7.80 40 44 5/8	91.50	PS BU	235	800 935 940 940 975
15.00 100.00			19 3/4	3.90	5.07 1/ 1/1980		STKL		
15.00 1968	STABLE INT	6.75 15/ 5/1988	87 1/8	5.63	6.47 40 18 3/4	43.37	PS BU	485	800 935 940 975
4.00 100.00			11 1/8	4.80	11.00 1/ 1/1989		STKL		
30.00 1972	STOCKLAND	5.00 15/ 7/1987	87 3/4	5.70	6.74 40 38 3/4	39.54	PS BU	434	800 935 940 960 975
30.00 100.00			25 5/8	5.34	10.40 1/ 1/1973		STKL		
85.00 1973	SPERRY KAY	6.25 15/ 2/1989	81 3/8	5.26	6.77 50 51 1/2	30.84	PS BU	235	820 870 935 940 960
85.00 100.00			30 3/8	5.44	7.00 15 3/1974		STKL		975
50.00 1972	SODEN INT FIL	6.25 15/ 6/1987	76 7/8	5.53	7.14 50 57	91.56	PS BU	235	800 870 935 940 960
50.00 100.00			52 7/8	4.88	10.00 15/ 3/1973		STKL		975
75.00 1968	TEXACO OPERATIONS-KENOWE	5.00 1/ 7/1988	81 3/8	5.52	7.67 50 44 1/4	30.58	PS BU	456	530 870 935 940 960
75.00 100.00			27 3/8	7.21	6.00 13/ 6/1989		STKL		975 977
7.00 1969	THEODORE ELECTION INT	7.00 1/ 1/1984	85	8.24	10.19 50 45 1/2	150.03	PS BU	447	500 975
16.00 100.00			15 1/4	22.30	15/ 1/1970		STKL		
16.00 1968	TEN INT	5.00 1/ 3/1984	85 1/4	5.93	7.22 40 30 1/2	32.63	PS BU	485	800 935 940 975
15.00 100.00			32 1/4	4.81	7.08 1/ 1/1988		STKL		
40.00 1967	THEODORE-KENOWE INT	5.00 1/ 1/1982	87 1/8	5.21	5.44 38 40	10.38	PS BU	447	800 935 940 940 975
28.00 100.00			22 7/8	5.08	8.00 1/ 5/1989		STKL		
50.00 1969	TICO INT FIL	5.00 1/ 3/1984	80	6.35	9.45 40 61 1/2	35.42	PS BU	346	800 940 960 975
12.00 100.00			13 3/8	5.99	7.00 12/ 1/1989		STKL		
50.00 1967	UNION CARBIDE INT	4.75 1/ 7/1982	82 5/8	5.21	6.78 50 56 1/2	22.80	PS BU	456	520 880 870 935 940
50.00 100.00			75 1/2	6.59	7.09 1/ 3/1988		STKL		960 975 977
30.00 1969	VALLEY KENOWE FIL	5.00 1/ 2/1989	78 1/4	6.39	8.00 40 62 1/4	59.62	PS BU	485	800 935 940 960 975
30.00 100.00			26 3/4	4.85	5.00 1/ 9/1989		STKL		
15.00 1968	VALLEY TROUS O/E	5.00 1/ 1/1988	80 3/4	5.24	10.52 40 47 3/8	35.28	PS BU	447	800 935 940 940 975
15.00 100.00			7 1/2		10/ 1/1989		STKL		
15.00 1966	WALKER-LAMBERT	6.25 1/ 3/1981	110	3.90	1.18 40 73	-0.22	PS BU	458	800 935 940 975 977
100.00 100.00			25 7/8	4.25	12.00 1/ 6/1987		STKL		
55.00 1973	WALKER-LAMBERT	5.00 1/ 4/1988	75 7/8	5.80	7.10 4				
30.00 100.00			25 7/8	4.25	12.00 1/ 3/1989	80.34	PS BU	456	520 870 935 940 960
40.00 1972	WALKER-LAMBERT	6.50 1/ 4/1987	78 3/8	5.74	7.51 40 48	45.39	PS BU	456	520 870 935 940 960
40.00 100.00			75 1/2	4.67	7.89 40 48	9.28	PS BU	456	800 935 940 975
20.00 1968	WALKER-LAMBERT	6.50 1/ 8/1981	25 7/8	4.25	12.00 1/ 3/1989		STKL		975
4.00 100.00			43	6.02	7.30 40 48	147.54	PS BU	411	520 800 870 935 940
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Jusco	\$50½	Renown	\$2.6
Komatsu Forklift	\$2.16	Rhythm Watch	\$1.7
Kubota	\$22½	Sony	\$8.1
Makito	\$23	Stanley	\$1.7
Murata	\$2.28	Taisho Marine	\$10½
Nichii	\$4.97	TDK	\$5.4
Nippon Chemical		Tokyo Sanyo	\$0.8
Containers	\$2.47	Trio	\$19½
Nippon Meat		Wacoal	\$15½
Packers	\$2.48		

	Issue	Middle Price	Current Yield	Libor	Yields to Maturity	Repayment D - mandatory drawing S - by letter on presentation S - standing loan
81%	Sveriges Inv. Bk. 75/83	105.40	8.06	4.04	6.90	1.480-833
61%	Sweden 77/84	103.90	6.26	6.50	5.76	1.384
41%	Tel Aviv Corp. 75/82 P	102.00	8.88	7.32	6.21	16.340
10%	Tauernautobahn 74/79 (G)	107.25	9.32	1.92	5.88	1.1079
9%	Tauernautobahn 74/79 (G)	112.25	8.46	3.67	5.69	1.781
9%	Tauernautobahn 75/82P (G)	108.50	8.29	4.33	6.66	1.383
9%	Tauernautobahn 75/83P (G)	108.50	8.29	5.33	7.02	1.383
7%	Tauernkraftwerke 68/83 (G)	104.00	6.73	3.19	5.67	2.274-835
6%	Tauernkraftwerke 68/83 (G)	103.00	6.31	3.25	5.55	1.974-835
71%	Telefino Int'l. 73/88	103.00	7.04	5.41	6.57	1.174-885
8%	Telefino 73/93	105.00	7.62	10.08	7.28	1.182-935
8%	Telefino 75/82P	106.50	8.92	4.33	6.66	
81%	Thyssen Car. Fin. 75/82 P	106.00	7.24	2.40	6.00	1.482
81%	Thyssen Inv. 66/81	104.25	6.24	3.22	4.51	1.372-81D
71%	Tokyo El. Power 69/84	103.35	7.01	3.96	6.38	1.1275-84D
9%	Toray Ind. 75/80P	106.50	8.92	2.22	6.32	10.2-80
41%	Traf.-House Fin. 72/87	95.00	6.84	9.92	7.22	1.1078-875
61%	Trondheim 68/83	102.00	6.62	3.50	6.20	1.1272-835
61%	Trondheim 70/85	105.75	8.04	4.40	7.08	1.1274-855
71%	TRW Int. Fin. 69/84	102.75	7.30	3.79	6.77	1.1080-845
91%	Unilever 74/81P	112.00	8.71	4.08	6.52	1.1181
91%	Unilever 75/87	112.00	8.71	4.08	6.52	1.1181
7%	Units - 75/82 P	101.50	7.10	3.56	5.75	1.681-875
7%	Venezuela 68/83	102.50	6.83	3.33	6.25	10.774-835
71%	Vienna 68/84	103.25	6.78	3.00	5.89	1.674-835
81%	Vienna 75/83	106.75	7.73	4.16	6.34	1.879-84D
81%	Voest-Alpine 73/88	108.85	7.81	6.60	6.79	1.1079-885
81%	Voest-Alpine 75/85	105.75	7.92	5.52	6.84	1.681-855
61%	Voest-Alpine 77/89	102.50	6.59	8.99	6.37	1.624-89D
6%	Wells-Fargo ex. w. 73/88	103.00	6.31	6.26	5.91	1.1179-885
54%	Worldbank 65/85	99.90	5.51	2.42	5.59	1.471-85D
54%	Worldbank 68/78	100.85	6.69	3.33	4.18	1.878
61%	Worldbank 68/80	101.20	6.26	2.75	6.00	1.675-80D
61%	Worldbank 68/84P	101.25	6.64	3.58	6.09	2.177-84D
61%	Worldbank 69/84	103.00	6.31	3.47	5.61	1.675-84D
61%	Worldbank 69/84P	101.25	6.62	3.58	6.09	2.177-84D
61%	Worldbank 69/84P	100.50	5.97	3.30	5.82	1.477-84D
8%	Worldbank 70/80	108.10	7.86	2.75	5.36	1.880
8%	Worldbank 70/86	104.25	7.67	4.49	6.86	1.177-86D
71%	Worldbank 71/86 I	104.00	7.21	4.38	6.41	1.677-86D
71%	Worldbank 71/86 II	104.75	7.16	4.98	6.33	1.1277-86D
61%	Worldbank 72/82	102.00	6.42	4.67	5.64	1.782
61%	Worldbank 72/83	102.30	6.60	5.95	5.95	1.788-83D
61%	Worldbank 73/83	103.50	6.52	5.25	5.95	1.283
61%	Worldbank 73/88	100.75	6.33	5.75	6.21	1.579-88D
61%	Worldbank 75/82P	107.00	7.71	4.58	6.42	1.682
8%	Worldbank 75/82	108.80	7.35	5.08	5.94	1.1282
81%	Worldbank 75/83	109.50	7.53	5.67	6.20	1.783
81%	Worldbank 76/82P	108.00	7.41	4.75	6.00	1.882
71%	Worldbank 76/82P	106.00	7.31	4.92	6.29	1.1082
71%	Worldbank 76/83	106.25	7.06	5.50	6.12	1.583
71%	Worldbank 76/83	108.15	7.17	5.92	6.07	1.1083
61%	Worldbank 76/83P	102.50	6.69	6.08	6.24	1.1284
61%	Worldbank 76/84	108.25	7.39	6.25	6.35	1.1285
51%	Worldbank 77/82P	99.75	5.52	4.88	5.56	1.5982
7%	Worldbank 77/85P	103.50	6.76	7.33	6.38	1.385
6%	Worldbank 77/85P	102.50	6.34	7.50	6.07	1.585
6%	Worldbank 77/85	99.75	6.02	7.87	6.04	1.585
61%	Worldbank 77-87	106.80	6.68	9.17	6.29	1.187
61%	Worldbank 78/83	106.50	6.79	5.90	6.24	1.587
61%	Yokohama 68/83 (G)	102.90	6.34	5.84	5.84	1.972-835
61%	Yokohama 69/84 (G)	104.70	6.74	3.80	5.92	1.972-835
61%	Yokohama 71/86 (G)	105.40	7.59	4.54	6.57	1.877-865
81%	Yosida Kogyo 75/80P	100.00	8.25	2.67	6.21	1.780

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Yokota	61	1991
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Rentinvest	LuxFr 917	LuxFr 1000		Nov.	LuxFr 917	LuxFr 820	LuxFr 917	LuxFr 794
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(Singapore)  
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# Financial Highlights



#### Financial Position (In Thousands)

	September 30 1977	1976
Total assets	\$ 3,751,088	\$ 3,319,995
Deposits	3,028,357	2,705,677
Loans, net	1,859,175	1,521,895
Shareholder's equity	209,241	199,127



#### Financial Position (In Thousands)

	September 30 1977	1976
Total assets	\$ 5,631,513	\$ 5,037,058
Deposits	4,654,760	4,167,229
Loans, net	2,820,176	2,386,508
Shareholders' equity	298,246	271,367

#### Operating Results

	September 30 1977	1976
Income before securities transactions	\$29,001,000	\$24,977,000
Per share	2.67	2.51
Net income	29,470,000	25,274,000
Per share	2.71	2.54

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#### Selected Austrian Schilling Bonds of Austrian issuers maturity up to 5 years

	Middle Price	Average Life	Yield to average life	Current Yield	Redemption Mandatory drawings by 10
8 % Österreich 1973/B/81	99,—	1.77	9.17	8.08	15. 277-81 at 101.0
8 % Österreich 1973/II/B/82	99,—	3.04	9.17	8.08	20.11.74-82 at 102.0 to 102.5
8 1/2% Österreich 1974/II/B/82	98.50	2.96	9.11	8.63	22.10.75-82 at 100.0
8 1/2% Innsbruck 1974/B/82	98.50	3.03	9.26	8.63	19.11.75-82 at 100.5
8 1/2% Energie 1974/S/80	99,—	2.02	9.22	8.59	15.11.77-80 at 100.0 to 100.5
8 1/2% NEWAG 1975/B/82	99.75	2.58	9.14	8.52	6. 6.78-82 at 101.5
8 1/2% STEWEAG 1975/B/81	99.75	1.85	9.13	8.52	18. 3.78-81 at 101.0

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8 1/2% Österreich 1975/S/II/85	99,—	4.22	9.25	8.59	25. 7.76-85 at 101.0 to 102.0
8 1/2% Österreich 1975/S/III/85	99.75	5.06	9.15	8.52	27.11.79-85 at 103.0 to 103.5
8 1/2% Österreich 1976/S/86	98.75	5.79	9.17	8.61	20. 2.81-86 at 101.5 to 102.0
8 1/2% Wien 1975/II/B/85	100,—	4.40	9.12	8.50	1.10.78-85 at 103.0
8 1/2% CA-BV 1975/II/B/85	99.75	4.51	8.84	8.52	11.11.76-85 at 101.0 to 101.5
8 1/2% Energie 1975/II/B+ S/85	100,—	4.98	9.11	8.50	29.10.79-85 at 103.5
8 1/2% Steyr-Daimler-Puch 1976/B/86	98.75	5.84	9.28	8.61	9. 3.81-86 at 103.0 to 104.0

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	Middle Price	Average Life	Yield to average life	Current Yield	Redemption Mandatory drawings by 10
5 3/4% Voest 63/78	63/4% Rep. of Austria 67/82				
5 3/4% Alpine Montan 65/85	8 3/4% Rep. of Austria 76/90				
6 5/8% Austrian Electricity 66/86	8 1/4% Tauernautobahn 77/87				
6 3/4% Austrian Electricity 67/82	7 % Österreichische Kontrollbank 77/80				
6 % Rep. of Austria 64/84	7 1/2% Österreichische Kontrollbank 77/82				
9 1/2% Österreichische Kontrollbank 74/79 in Austrian Schilling (traded in US\$ only)					

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# The price of Soviet achievements

By DAVID SATTER, in Moscow



A dress rehearsal of the parade of sportsmen on the Red Square, Moscow, for today's celebrations.

HAS 60 years since the Soviet industrial output to have increased 145 times since the Russian Revolution, or for national income to have increased 68 times, there can be little doubt that the Soviet economic achievement was extraordinary. The Soviet Union, internationally, has been transformed from a predominantly rural, peasant country into a formidable industrial power with the help of neither significant foreign investment nor sizeable external trade.

The Soviet Union was the first revolutionary socialist state and the sight of red flags flying legally from the tops of official government buildings still lends to one's impressions of Moscow a disquieting sense of having stepped into another world. The Revolution did not realise a philosophic ideal of justice and freedom and much of the unreal atmosphere in the Soviet Union lies in the fact that all Soviet propaganda is based on the notion that it did. In fact, the Politburo or Communist Party Central Committee, meeting in secret, set policies which the people as a whole, who have no voice in the matter, unanimously resolve to "carry into life."

The earnestness of the situation is striking, but it must be balanced against the regime's positive aspects. The economic and technical progress in the Soviet Union also brought the creation of a comprehensive welfare state. Since the 1930s, the Soviet Union has guaranteed full employment as well as paid holidays and an assured pension at 60 (55 for women). Housing is subsidised so rents are nominal, and education and medical care are free. There is claimed to be total literacy to

opening of mail — to travel abroad, to get a desirable job or to qualify for a promotion. At the same time, evidence of "negative" political tendencies, sacking or being hounded from job to job. It can prejudice attempts to get an apartment.

"Those who were frightened by Stalin," said a Jewish activist whose parents were Stalinist purge victims, "have been frightened to the end of their lives." The younger generation have less of this primordial fear but do not "tease the goose" lest they tip an invisible political balance and endlessly complicate their lives.

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## Terrible cost

This Soviet achievement, however, came at a terrible cost. The new society was created by violence directed at existing classes and institutions. The effects of that violence, which reached its culmination during the Stalin period, are still perceptible in Soviet life to-day.

The Soviet Union now accounts for one-fifth of the world's industrial output, boasts a vast, technologically sophisticated military establishment which allows it to compete for power and influence in every corner of the globe, directs the world's only ongoing manned space mission programme, and has successfully developed such modern forms of transport as the TU-144 supersonic airliner and the 125-mile-an-hour ER-200 high speed train.

The system capable of organising dramatic achievements, however, has such power over the individual that few persons dare do anything to challenge it directly. The Soviet citizen needs the approval of the Committee for State Security (KGB) — which supplements its influence with the results of massive eavesdropping — and

are of a particular kind and do not in any way disprove this analysis. (For readers who want more information on this aspect I suggest they consult my short book, "After Angkor: A Study in International Development," Rex Collings, London.)

There are very few examples in the Third World of nationalist movements having produced totally anti-Western governments: the few exceptions are precisely those where independence came only after a prolonged, violent struggle in which the majority Western powers had been identified with the defenders of the status quo. And this is precisely the lesson to be learnt for Western policy-makers in southern Africa.

Colin Legum,  
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Richmond, Surrey.

## Letters to the Editor

### To save the Africans

From Dr. Ralph Horowitz  
Sir, it is difficult to fault Joe Rogaly's perceptive—even profound—analysis: The West can win in Southern Africa (November 2). Yet I still would head off the capitalist alternative—what I call "the alternative" in which I found it morally impossible to remain a South African and remain unpersuaded of violence as a political weapon. That capitalist alternative rests on two cardinal propositions. The first is the inalienable right to one man, one vote as a minimal human dignity. The second is a tremendous intensification of foreign investment in South Africa. Any economist with the slightest knowledge of South African economic history must recognise that every political move made by the white Government ever since the Union of 1910 has been to stave off and frustrate the dynamic capital investment overwhelming trust, segregation and apartheid—let alone separate development and the Bantustans. I still feel that provided the Government ignored immediate universal enfranchisement; (2) no economic ostracism of white with Africans; and (3) billions of capital, it would be possible to prove both Father Huddleston and Mr. Rogaly wrong—and save the Africans from escaping on the nightmare of apartheid to the hell of a Communist state.

Colin Legum,  
15 Denbigh Gardens,  
Richmond, Surrey.

### How the West can win

From Mr. Colin Legum  
Sir, Much as I respect Joe Rogaly's views, I feel he is seriously wrong in his conclusion that "The West cannot win in Southern Africa" (November 2). I would strongly argue the exact opposite: that the West can lead its proper interests and gain its influence if, even at the late hour, it were to pursue, with more vigour, the kind policies now being shaped by a Carter Administration and a Dr. David Owen since he became Foreign Secretary.

Out of concern for space considerations, I will restrict this reply to pointing out why, in my view, Joe Rogaly has failed to understand why the Western forces will find it difficult to exploit the situation in southern Africa in favour of the communist world.

First and foremost, he entirely overlooks the fundamental political reality that Communism is a bitter enemy of the West. Since the Second World War, the West has been the main enemy of the Communist world. The Communist world is a threat to the West's security and its interests. The West must be prepared to fight the Communist world. The West must be prepared to fight the Communist world.

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## To-day's Events

GENERAL  
Wholesale price index (October, provisional) from Department of Industry.

EEC Agriculture Ministers begin two-day meeting, Brussels.

European Central Bankers begin two-day monthly meeting, Basel.

Labour MPs expected to join mass picket of Grunwick Laboratories, Willesden, N.W.10.

House of Lords hearing due to reopen into claims by Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (APCES) for recognition by Grunwick Laboratories.

Pire Brigades' Union national delegates conference considers pay offer from local authority employers, Eastbourne.

International Air Transport Association annual meeting opens, Madrid (until November 11).

Mr. Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Energy Secretary, speaks at Coal Industry Society lunch, Hyde Park Hotel, S.W.1.

Negotiations resume in Geneva on proposed fund to stabilise commodity prices.

Agreement signed under which Italy grants \$300m. line of supplies credits to Poland.

Environmental Health Congress opens, Royal Hall, Harrogate (until November 10).

London Chamber of Commerce trade mission on three-week visit to Japan and Hong Kong.

Lord Mayor of London and sheriffs at presentation of Letters Patent to Builders Merchants' Company, Mansion House, E.C.4.

London Chamber of Commerce OPERA Royal Opera production of "Cappone" (half-year), Lucas Industries (full year).

COMPANY MEETINGS  
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## The paradox

The Soviets set out to create both a new society and a "new man." Although they created a new socialist society, the goal of the new man—strong, unselfish, and disinterested of personal power when confronted with the needs of the community—continues to elude them. Unfortunately in the Soviet case, the goals were complementary.

Without the new man to oversee it, the purity of the new socialist society was itself in danger.

In the Soviet Union to-day, government control of the economy and the interpretation of a guaranteed job as the basis of social and political participation create a sense of security but also lend to political life much of the inherent authoritarianism and control of the work place. At political meetings and lectures in offices and factories, people learn to agree ritually to the party policy being explained, although they may not agree with a word of it. The economic consequences of objecting or even appearing indifferent are not worth the risk.

## Coal from abroad

From Mr. A. Beard  
Sir—Those who believe in private enterprise should have little objection to the miners negotiating a wage for £135 a week for themselves, provided that the costs are immediately applied to the price of coal and that those still wishing to use coal are set free to import it from abroad.

A. L. Beard,  
Woodfield,  
Spoken Hill,  
Worship, Notts.

## The miners' dispute

From Mr. G. Atkinson  
Sir—Despite the promising heading, the Lombard article by Anthony Harris (November 3) offers no explanation of the miners' vote. In particular, he ignores the variations between coalfields which suggest that the rejection by the miners was not entirely logical.

Mr. Harris needs to understand the miners' better than he appears to understand the industry. Despite greatly increased mechanisation, it certainly is not capital intensive. The main determinant of performance is the faceworker—whether in the direct production situation or in the development drives needed to ensure continuity of operations. And there is no "coal monopoly." There is an energy market in which coal competes with other energy resources. Another source of competition is countries where the incentive-paid miners live in the sort of political economy favoured by some of the opponents to the Coal Board's recent proposals.

But, perhaps, Mr. Harris does supply one explanation. If such a capable intellectual has misunderstood the situation, it must have been vague to many of the workers in the industry. What they are clearer than Mr. Harris about is that recruitment in the last three years certainly has not been low—and the age of the workforce is falling, not growing.

G. L. Atkinson,  
772, Mortimer Road,  
South Shields.

## Irresponsible and selfish

From M. R. Collins  
Sir—The recent decision by the miners to demand a pay increase of some 90 per cent, despite the Government's guideline of 10 per cent, makes probable a confrontation between the Government and NUM which, as things stand, the miners are likely to win as they did against the Heath Government in 1974.

If the Government acts in the national interest and resists the irresponsible and selfish claim the miners will no doubt back it with "industrial action," thereby inflicting hardship on us all in the short term, and jeopardising our prosperity, together with their own, in the longer term. Surely in these circumstances we, the community at large, should say enough is

the system maintains itself by controlling the flow of information. Foreign radio broadcasts are no longer being jammed, but there are no foreign newspapers on sale in Moscow except in foreigners' hotels and at the airport. In spite of the Soviet claim to be the best-read nation, works of serious literature, including the Russian classics, are in chronically short supply, as are valuable statistical yearbooks. The result of these restrictions and the omnipresence of deadeningly consistent official propaganda is mass confusion. There is widespread dissatisfaction in the Soviet Union, but few are able to articulate what is on their minds.

The 60th anniversary inevitably prompts comparisons, and in many ways the situation in the Soviet Union—economically, socially, politically—is better than it has ever been. The Stalinist Terror appears to be a thing of the past, and people's standard of living improves year by year, but the cautious statement of Mr. Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, in his report last week on the 60th anniversary, that "we have stood our ground and won" is indicative of the fact that the Soviet Union, which once saw itself as the embodiment of historical dynamism, is slowing down.

The Soviet leadership of the revolutionary State has become a gerontocracy, or rule by the elderly. The majority of the ruling Politburo are 70, or close to it, and they have passed up several opportunities to promote younger men. Only five Politburo members have been dropped since the Brezhnev-Kosygin leadership took over in 1964 and only one of these, former President Nikolai Podgorny, was a central figure. The stability of the Soviet leadership is reflected in the

## More trade

At the same time, the years of spectacular economic growth appear to be over. In 1976, the growth of Soviet industrial output was less than a third of what it had been in 1951. The increase in productivity of labour, a crucial index for the Soviet Union's future economic health, was also last year less than a third of the 1951 increase. Soviet foreign trade, however, has greatly expanded. Soviet trade with the West has more than doubled in the past six years, and Soviet foreign trade as a whole has increased almost tenfold in the past 20 years. The Soviet Union is no longer isolated from the world economy or insulated from its problems. The result is a relationship of interdependence with the capitalists which the early Communists sought to minimise.

Under these circumstances, the Soviet Union does not want the revolutionary's disdain for convention and its relative freedom of action. The Soviet Union at 60 appears to prefer international respectability and recognition of its place as one of the world's two great superpowers under circumstances in which neither the coercion of Communist Party rule, nor the postmillennial enthusiasm which conceals it, is called into question.

The two clearest threats to the Soviets in this regard are

the Eurocommunists and the dissidents. At last week's two-day celebration meeting marking the 60th anniversary, the most important note of discord was heard over the issue of Eurocommunism, which promises Communism in a pluralist political society. The task of consolidating the Soviet regime and Soviet international influence among Communists and non-Communists alike will be greatly complicated by any successful Western European example of a Marxist government operating in conditions of political and intellectual freedom.

The Soviet international position, and particularly the relationship with the U.S., could be jeopardised by the dissidents. The West has shown a predilection to press the Soviet Union to adhere to its international and human rights commitments, and the dissidents by having their activities, as they have in recent years, on explicit Soviet undertakings, are always in the position of having a potential externality.

The Soviets enjoy birthdays, and the prospect is of regular celebrations of the events of the October Revolution at least every decade. As the Revolution fades into history, the Soviet Union will remain a superpower on the basis of its formidable strength. It is hard to escape the impression, however, that the retelling of the events of October and the glorification of Lenin, such as have taken place in the week preceding to-day's anniversary, will not of themselves continue to inspire other peoples to follow the Soviet example unless the Russians can reverse the trend towards rigidification and embourgeoisement—and politically, economically, and ideologically—begin to offer the world something new.

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## OVERSEAS MARKETS

## EUROBONDS

## Market ends week on better note

BY THE end of last week both U.S. dollar and D-mark sectors were less unhappy than earlier in the week. In the D-mark sector the major factor was the relatively small new issue calendar scheduled for November at Monday's meeting of the Capital Markets Sub-Committee. In the dollar sector the reasons were more difficult to discern except by reference to the sharpness of the fall earlier in the week.

The Federal Reserve Board's intervention to push up the Fed funds rate on Monday carried out, unusually, in the midst of a big Treasury financing operation, brought expectations that further sharp rise in the U.S. money supply would be announced on Thursday.

These expectations fed through into the secondary market for

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Medium term	108.28	7.78	108.49	7.74	108.99 (7.71)
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## THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY

The Association of British Travel Agents opens its conference in Lisbon to-day, and the American Society of Travel Agents has been meeting in Madrid. Changes in the world travel business are reflected in the fact that while all is not well with the American market, the British and many Europeans are optimistic about 1978.

### Europe moves abroad again

THE MAJOR change that has come over the world's travel markets over the past decade is the resurgence of Europe as the major force in the travel market. A U.S. commentator recently seemed relieved to discover that the traditional "ugly American" had now been replaced by the "ugly German". The image is borne out by the facts. Some 2.2m. Germans leave their own territory to go on holiday each year and that country has long since outstripped the U.S. as the largest single market in the travel business in money as well as in head count terms. The American retreat is real—worryingly real to countries which rely on the dollar for their tourist trade and butter—last year the U.S. was one of the few industrialised countries in this industrial world to spend less on tourism than in 1975. Even the hard pressed British increased their spending even if fewer of them actually went abroad.

There is little doubt that one of the dominating concerns of the travel industry worldwide at the moment is the apparent weakness of the dollar. Further withdrawals of American business will cause major changes within the industry as nations that look to tourism for a sizeable amount of their foreign earnings, such as Britain, have to readjust their sights.

There are already signs that another impact of the changing value of the dollar is that the flow of tourists into the U.S. is increasing rapidly. The same changes that began to affect the tourist industry of the U.K. in the late 1960s are now to be

seen in the States. In Miami Beach there are hotels which have adjusted their dining hours to cope with the somewhat later eating habits of the Euro-trippers. In New Mexico they have French-speaking guides to explain the local antiquities; and in New York they are slowly discovering that on the other side of the Atlantic people prefer their coffee after the meal rather than with the soup.

In the happy hunting grounds of European tourism, the Mediterranean basin, British, French, Scandinavians and the American tour operators are finding themselves in increasingly tough competition with the Mark-filled wallets of their German counterparts. Room rates in many parts of the area have risen sharply in recent years and many of the better hotels and better rooms are now contracted to the German travel industry. This year British efforts to stop Spanish hoteliers from putting up their room rates regardless of what the contracts said, failed miserably because there was not a common front from other European companies. The Germans were willing to pay; so the British had to stomach the change too—and are now hoping that a healthier pound will take up some of the additional peseta cost involved.

### Efforts

No one really expects the American market to revive in any spectacular way in the near future—in spite of efforts to stimulate a comeback by devaluation (Mexico and Jamaica) and increased marketing efforts. Elsewhere, however, the picture seems to be remarkably rosy. The past three or four years have generally been a period which most people in the travel industry worldwide would prefer to forget. The boom of the 1960s was rudely brought to a halt by the oil crisis and the international economic malaise that followed. Britain's tourist performance demonstrated the scene clearly. From a mid-1960s figure of around 10m. travellers abroad the

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British market topped 10m. in 1973 (11.5m. if trips to Ireland and cruises were included). The following year saw a drop of 1m. in foreign trips and there has been virtual stagnation since then.

The major difference between world trends and British trends has been seen during the past year or so. Internationally, although there was a gentle rise in the numbers of people travelling there was a very sharp rise in the amount of money they spent, an increase which has shown every sign of continuing this year. It thus appears that the tourist is one member of the consumer audience who is prepared to stomach price inflation and even to do a little trading up into the bargain. Towards the end of 1977 we can see the British market making efforts to follow this basic international movement and optimism within the U.K. concerning the holiday intentions of the local population may well be justified.

However, the prediction business, either nationally or internationally, is a tricky one these days. Travel is sensitive to so many variable elements, although perhaps not as sensitive as might at first be assumed. Economic factors are, of course, important as are the vagaries of the international exchange markets, but of almost equal significance is the level of air fares. The absence of low fare rates, usually in the form of charters or special scheduled fares, has a demonstrable effect on traffic flows just as the introduction of low fares has an equally clear impact—witness Spain in the 1960s and trans-Atlantic travel more recently.

Optimistic commentators would suggest that most economies are on the upturn; that currency rates for the tourist generating nations will stabilise; that air fares will either fall or show lower increases than can be seen in the rest of the consumer market

places; and that we are in for a quiet spell politically. The pessimists look concernedly at continued American disquiet; the currency upsets produced by over-strong marks and yen; the low profitability of airlines and thus the pressure for higher fares; and the activities of hijackers and kidnappers against a background of rising industrial unrest in much of the developed world.

To say that the truth lies between the two would be superficially naïve. The truth unfortunately is likely to be a mixture of both, and the difficulty for anyone with investment in the travel world is to decide what the elements of the mix are likely to be. But since the travel business has been consistently cyclical over the past two decades it might be justifiable to assume that the overall movement will tend towards the optimistic view.

This certainly seems to be the attitude at the moment within the British travel business.

Although there are obviously serious concerns over the prospects for industrial peace and the economy generally over the next few winter months a general mood of cautious optimism can be seen throughout the business. No one thing that the British market will explode in the next 12 months but there are a large number—including the biggest airline, British Airways, and the biggest tour operator, Thomson—who think that there will be modest growth.

### Taxation

What would really make the U.K. travel business happiest is to see the return of that old bread and butter of the trade, the middle-class family holiday-maker, to the travel agency counter. High taxation, rapidly rising domestic costs, and job nervousness, have all tended to hit hardest at the £3,000-£10,000 a year family with small children and a large mortgage. If there has been one major change in the U.K. travel industry over the past few years it has been the falling off in the family package trade. This is hardly surprising. A basic pack-

age for four people in the school holidays to a Mediterranean resort now costs around £500. With spending money the holidaymaker is actually paying out something over £1,000 in pre-tax earnings for holiday—in many cases probably as much as he is paying in mortgage or rent for the whole year.

Given these figures it is not odd that the travel industry has found its growth market to be the business traveller and its dependable holiday market to consist of the well paid unmarried or childless and those whose cash businesses somehow allow them to pay their holiday bills with used notes rather than cheques.

The travel industry is no different from any other in yearning for a period of stability upon which to plan. It feels that it has had enough of ups and downs and uncertainty. As the British travel agents meet this morning they take a view of a world which they feel offers them a little more hope of stability, at least of the market if not in their own business environment, than they saw a year ago when they fought their way through Greek traffic to deliberate in Athens.

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### Agents feel the pressure

STANDING ON Hyde Park corner one Sunday a few years ago, I was warned that the end of the world would occur the following Saturday. Surprise, I am still here. In the same way the end of the travel agent has been prophesied in a number of occasions. But we are still here, or at any rate most of us are.

So wrote Mr. Allan Beaver, managing director of a west London travel agency, in a letter to a trade paper recently. The brilliant Mr. Beaver was voicing his contempt for those who constantly predict that the High Street travel agent is about to follow the High Street grocer and the knowledgeable wine merchant into the mythology of British retailing.

There is considerable justification in Mr. Beaver's flag waving. Several years ago such travel industry notables as Mr. Tom Sullick, then the whiz-kid head of Clarksons, was suggesting at Association of British Travel Agents conventions that the march of the multiple and the computer spell danger for the little man. As Mr. Beaver points out, he is still in business, which is more than can be said of Clarksons. However, since these columns too have occasionally taken a pessimistic view of independent travel retailing, it might be worth noting that all is not entirely rosy in the travel agency garden.

Travel agents live on commission and at the moment those commissions range roughly between 7 per cent and 12 per cent on various products, with the norm increasingly around 10. Even taking a very generous view of the amount of business which passes through agencies, as opposed to going direct to airlines, tour operators and hotels, it is difficult to produce a gross income per agency outlet above £20,000 a year on

average. Since we know from published figures that many of the better known agency chains do rather better than this per outlet it is clear that there are a great number of independent operators which do considerably worse—often paying High Street rents and High Street overheads as well as employing one or two staff into the bargain.

The pressure has begun to show. While costs have risen in the past three years the amount of commission available to the trade has shrunk thanks to economic pressures which have diminished the demand for travel. Growth areas such as car rental, domestic packages and business travel have all helped to ease the burden but they have scarcely compensated for the alarming decline in easily sold, high commissioned, package tour traffic. The result has been a gradual wastage in the number of travel agents in Britain and there is some speculation over the belief that many have survived simply because they are on historically low rents and are run by the family.

### Detached

The salvation of the small retailer in travel has been that he is in a protected business. For the moment at least Tesco, Sainsbury and Debenhams face considerable difficulties if they choose to enter the business. This is mainly due to the rule that insists on travel agencies being operations entirely detached from any other commercial activity.

If Tesco, or any other grocery chain, chose to go into travel it would be faced with two options. It could join the present system, which would mean operating travel stores within stores, each

manned by two experienced staff; or it could attempt an own-brand operation buying its own flights and hotel rooms and selling these to its customers by whatever means it chose. The first involves considerable overheads, the second extensive manufacturing expertise, heavy investment and high potential risk. At the moment only W. H. Smith could really be said to have taken the plunge, and it chose the first option.

Given that the present rules remain, and the odds appear to be swinging in that direction, the prospect of the supermarket entering the travel field in the same way that they have entered the liquor business is much diminished. If the rules change, however, and allow anyone who can prove financial stability to sell travel then the flood gates would be opened, with chain outlets naturally creaming off the high demand package traffic which is so much part of the retail agency bread and butter.

Perhaps more immediately threatening to the retailer is the prospect of direct sell. It now seems certain that there will be a major direct sell battle in Britain next year and the implications of this for smaller retailers are sizeable. It is highly unlikely, of course, that direct sell will suddenly take over the travel market place. It would seem inconceivable that Thomson, Cosmos or Horizon would suddenly switch to that method, whatever the impact of any newcomer to the British market. The threat comes instead from the marginal impact should direct selling take say, an additional 5 per cent of travel revenue out of the retail system.

There are a great many agents in Britain who simply could not afford to see that sort



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## THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY II

## Costs threaten the package

IF EUROPEAN tour operators have nightmares there is one central figure in them—a Spanish hotelier. If it were not for him the tour men of Britain, Germany and Scandinavia would be feeling quite cheerful about the coming season, although they might have a few sour thoughts about the air traffic controllers of various nations.

The Spanish hotel industry has been going through a trying time and its agonies have been reflected in package tours throughout the past summer. More recently price negotiations have meant that many operators have had to rewrite the price panels in the glossy brochures which are on offer to north European consumers. Tour operators might sympathise with the Spaniards but that sympathy is hard to sustain when guests suddenly rise, regardless of the contract.

Unfortunately the tour men have realised that there is little point in taking legal action to enforce contracts. In many cases hoteliers have been faced with a position under which they risk such action but remain solvent, or run headlong into bankruptcy by subsidising every visitor. The tour operators know that they must pay up or not have beds at all for their customers.

The symptoms of the problem have been apparent for much of the past summer, with outbreaks of overbooking, a massive switch to buffet meals in tourist hotels and even the occasional strike.

All this is, of course, the price that has to be paid for the democratisation of Spain. British tour operators who had little freedom of expression under Franco now find themselves with the ability



Lisbon, the venue for this year's British Travel Agents conference.

to both speak and act. The readjustment has been painful. Hotels now find they not only have to pay higher wage rates, but also must offer their staff a considerably greater continuity of employment than was the case in the past. Thus, seasonal operations can no longer rely on the ability to take on and lay off personnel with the ease that they could in the past. By most international standards Spanish hotel prices are still remarkably low, but consumers have become so accustomed to cut-price accommodation that they are finding the graduation of the Spanish hotel industry into the real economic world a disturbing one.

British tour operators struggled with the problem all summer and, along with the British, French and Spanish air

traffic control disputes, it helped to make 1977 one of the most miserable years operationally for a very long time. The impact on profitability has yet to be seen.

## Brochures

Things came to a head a month or so ago when hoteliers throughout Spain said they would not honour their contracts with British tour operators for the summer of 1978. Devaluation of the peseta had produced local inflation which simply could not be stomach, they argued, and that same devaluation had put money into the tour operator's pockets (contracts tend to be written in pesetas) and so they could well afford an increase.

At first the British tour operators, who are among the first to print their brochures, so far ahead does the Briton book his holiday, simply refused. There was much brave talk of a firm stand. Nonetheless along with the talk came the insurance policy of amending price guarantees so that operators would be enabled to pass on some at least of any eventual rise in costs. Sure enough the rise came. In spite of a powerful delegation from the tour men making its way to Spain, and in spite of a fierce round of table thumping, the tour men gave in and in early October it was clear that prices were going to rise. There is still some warmth in the row, Cosmos and Laker decided that the two sides are running high, but the collapse was so rapid that

also offered a market which could perhaps be further developed. With CAA consent the majors were able to legalise the back door and this summer there has been an abundance of low priced fares on offer, provoking the scheduled carriers into a sizeable rethink.

The need to sell these low cost seats comes from the continued pressure on tour operating margins. A recent survey of the travel industry by Jordan Dataquest showed that recently remarkably few major operators manage to get a higher profit sales percentage than five (the fact only Horizon, Midlands, Thomson and Wings managed it in the year under review), showing the remarkable sensitivity of the business. Translated into practical terms it means that if delays or problems affecting a jet-load of 100 people cost a company more than £5 a person the tour is likely to become a loss-maker—and the past summer has seen plenty of delays in that league.

In the late 1960s several companies were caught badly in the trap of low margins. In the scramble for growth there was a tendency to offer massive supply and then fight it out in the market place. The short sharp lessons of Clarkson and the oil crisis brought a degree of sense to tour company management. To-day the majors tailor

their programmes to fairly conservative estimates of demand and for the past two years have got it roughly right—so right in fact that in spite of the sluggish market it has been difficult to get some holidays in the peak season. Most even now seem to be resisting the temptation to believe that 1978 will be a boom year and are planning for a modest expansion. Clearly they are going for profit rather than growth.

The result of this is likely to be an even greater shortage of prestige brand name holidays in July and August of 1978, even assuming only a slight upturn in demand. This could benefit the less known operators, or, and here is an element of concern to the industry, any newcomer.

Newcomers in the sense of some massive industrial company deciding to diversify into travel and tour operating are highly unlikely. Others have tried in the past with mixed fortunes — it took Thomson a long time to get it right and the Midland Bank has hardly been boasting about its investment in Thomas Cook. But there is some concern about intervention from abroad. American Express, still

day on the British tour market is growing more active in the Scandinavian flying price operation Tjaereborg, looks like moving into Britain with a direct sell scheme next summer. It would be a pity to see Tjaereborg picked up by business partly because a major tour operator were able to handle it.

All in all, however, the operating business is too destined for a more settled period, than it has grown expect from the past few years. The trend is clearly for great consolidation and for the buyers to grow bigger. The prospect of a more settled period might encourage intervention of some all industrial activity (bookmaker Ladbroke or Coral perhaps, of whom seem keen to get in leisure on an ever increasing scale), but complete surprise are unlikely. Perfection for tour men would be a year, which the Spanish hotel business itself settles down, which domestic demand shows measured expansion. Above, they would hope that the middle income family in Britain itself, under less financial pressure and able once more to scan the brochures. There's a doubtless many of us who drink to that.

## Investment

Investment

## Association survives

THERE IS little doubt but that a large section of the delegates to the annual convention of the Association of British Travel Agents in Athens in 1976 believed that it would be the last meeting of the organisation as it then existed. The threats to ABTA were considerable. From the state of notoriety from the Office of Fair Trading, which was taking a very cynical view of the 12-month closed shop rules which form the very basis of ABTA's existence. Now, a year has passed and ABTA is still with us, not least because no one can think of anything to replace it.

For its salvation ABTA can look back to the mid 1960s. The Association, then much smaller than it is to-day, was headed by two legendary figures in the travel business, Tubby Garner and Hoppy Hopkinson. These two were suddenly caught up in a whirlwind of industrial difficulties which threatened for a time to bring Westminster down on the necks of tour operators and travel agents. That was the time of Fiesta's collapse and of front page newspaper pictures of broken-hearted passengers beating on the doors of Omar Kyam Travel.

Fairly quickly ABTA introduced Operation Stabiliser, a scheme which has proved to be both the strength of the organisation and the aspect of its activities which attracts the interest of a Westminster dedicated to breaking down closed shops, in private industry at least. The basic element of Stabiliser which cements ABTA together is the rule which says that ABTA tour operators cannot sell their product other than through ABTA retailers, and that ABTA retailers cannot sell foreign inclusive tours produced by anyone else but ABTA tour operating members. The only escape clauses are that tours can be sold direct to the public or to closed groups—they cannot, however, be offered through grocery stores or chemist chains.

## Staffing

By insisting that retail travel agency outlets have certain minimum staffing and are forbidden to sell anything but travel or travel-related products (and there is even argument whether maps, guide books and travel bags are such products) the retail side prevents the intrusion of too many outsiders.

In return ABTA has a system of cross-insurance and bonding which financially protects consumers in the event of a collapse either by a tour operator or a retail agency. The system, which often involves ABTA tour members putting their aircraft at the disposal of the Association, has been seen to work in spectacular fashion in recent years. In the midst of recent scrutiny ABTA wrote to the Department of Trade: "We agree that it is necessary for the Minister to ensure and be satisfied that there is a proper balance between free competition and consumer protection. When all the papers have been read and the statements made it is difficult to come to any other conclusion but that ABTA operates in just such a way providing a host of exceptional safeguards for

the consumer without costing the taxpayer a penny."

The dilemma for Government is that there is a high level of justification in those comments. Clearly ABTA's leadership and membership feel that the strength of the case is beginning to penetrate. From the state of near despair which was apparent in the organisation 12 months ago there is a new mood of confidence. This is apparent from the chord of sympathy which has been struck by the call for ABTA to stop fighting the OFT and Government and instead allow those two to sort out consumer protection between them — the conclusion being that the present system is the best anyway. The OFT has already given ABTA a one year extension of Stabiliser before the Restrictive Practices Court.

If Stabiliser were destroyed the Government would face a formidable list of obligations if the present level of consumer protection was to be sustained. Not only would the present bonding system have to be taken over and administered but it would probably have to be replaced by retail bonding and licensing. Some form of central monitoring and rescue unit would be needed as well as an industrial control system which could police the industry for minor infringements of trading codes not involving actual collapse (over-booking, low general standards and the like).

It would not be beyond the wit of Government to do this, of course, and there are examples of official policing around the world — Canada for example—which seems to offer the customer a considerable amount of protection. In a state/local authority administered system the one major advantage is that offending agents or operators are judged openly and not by the closed councils of ABTA's disciplinary committee. The big drawback is the cost of the system and the inevitable bureaucracy it produces.

It may well be that the end result is the great British compromise—that Stabiliser must go, but be immediately replaced by an identical system to be administered by the Association of British Travel Agents.

So pre-occupied has ABTA been with its battle with the OFT for the past two years that the fight end, there might be a bit of floundering within the organisation as it tries to decide what to do next. Already there are indications of the internal debate going on within the organisation over what course it should take in the future.

Much of the agony lies over whether ABTA sees itself as the rule maker or the referee in

its increasing occupation with consumer protection in recent years—a move forced upon it by the threat of Governmental action — if clearly upset large sections of the membership. The most age comment on the present view of the membership towards the central organisation is a fact that relatively few of the retailers have made the trip to Lisbon for the convention of the week, in spite of beneficial flight and accommodation rates which would make many of the clients wide eyed with envy. This week's convention is large gathering of tour operators, airlines, shipping companies, hoteliers, national tourist office and major retail chains.

## Interests

Another indication of a mood change recently was ABTA's presidential election. Although Laker's Mr. Ged Carroll and the chairman of Tour Operators' Study Group Mr. Harry Chandler, appeared to be the front runners, members in fact opted for some one whose major interests are in retailing and domestic travel. Mrs. Margaret Hook of Wallis Arnold. Mrs. Hook has already started to repay that voting debt with much talk of "grass root democracy within ABTA."

Mrs. Hook may be one of nature's charmers but she is going to need all of that charm to see her through the next few difficult years. She is experiencing something of a presidential honeymoon at the moment in it will not be long before it goes starts to get administratively rough, particularly with the ever growing feeling of resentment within the industry that enough has been done to satisfy the demands of Government and that now is the time to start getting tough with politicians.

In dealing with this ABTA and its new president also has the problem of the public image of ABTA. Over the years the Association has been closely identified with the travel trade, the result of successive public relations efforts. However, this has also meant that any mud slung at operators or travel agents is tended to stick to ABTA. This image of ABTA, well, this image of ABTA, thus it has tended to have a negative impact. There is some indication that ABTA, as a body, feels the need to separate its identity from travel, the industry and take up a position of leadership as well as representation. This is a high indeed and it will be interesting to see if it can be achieved even for that matter if the membership wants it to be achieved.

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**CORAL INDEX:** Close 475.480  
**CLIVE INVESTMENTS LIMITED**  
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 Index Guide as at 25th October 1977 (Base 100 at 14.1.77)  
 Clive Fixed Interest Capital 133.79  
 Clive Fixed Interest Income 125.90

Insurance Type	Rate
Property Growth	61%
General Insurance	5%
Life Insurance	10%

Stock Index	Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Nov. 6	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 9	Nov. 10	Nov. 11	Nov. 12	Nov. 13	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	Nov. 16	Nov. 17	Nov. 18	Nov. 19	Nov. 20	Nov. 21	Nov. 22	Nov. 23	Nov. 24	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 27	Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 30
Industrial	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00
Commercial	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00
Financial	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00

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Industrial	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00
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# INSURANCE, PROPERTY, BONDS

Insurance Type	Rate
Property Growth	61%
General Insurance	5%
Life Insurance	10%







INDUSTRIALS-Continued

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Petroleum	110.00	+0.25	100
Shell	105.00	+0.10	80
Esso	102.00	+0.15	70
British Airways	98.00	+0.20	60
British Telecom	95.00	+0.10	50
British Steel	92.00	+0.15	40
British Overseas Airways	88.00	+0.10	30
British Airways	85.00	+0.15	20
British Airways	82.00	+0.10	10
British Airways	78.00	+0.15	5

INSURANCE-Continued

Company	Price	Change	Volume
London & Lancashire	120.00	+0.25	100
Prudential	115.00	+0.10	80
Equitable	110.00	+0.15	70
Lawson	105.00	+0.10	60
Prudential	100.00	+0.15	50
Equitable	95.00	+0.10	40
Lawson	90.00	+0.15	30
Prudential	85.00	+0.10	20
Equitable	80.00	+0.15	10
Lawson	75.00	+0.10	5

PROPERTY-Continued

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Land	130.00	+0.25	100
Imperial Chemical	125.00	+0.10	80
Imperial Chemical	120.00	+0.15	70
Imperial Chemical	115.00	+0.10	60
Imperial Chemical	110.00	+0.15	50
Imperial Chemical	105.00	+0.10	40
Imperial Chemical	100.00	+0.15	30
Imperial Chemical	95.00	+0.10	20
Imperial Chemical	90.00	+0.15	10
Imperial Chemical	85.00	+0.10	5

INV. TRUSTS-Continued

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Overseas	110.00	+0.25	100
British Overseas	105.00	+0.10	80
British Overseas	100.00	+0.15	70
British Overseas	95.00	+0.10	60
British Overseas	90.00	+0.15	50
British Overseas	85.00	+0.10	40
British Overseas	80.00	+0.15	30
British Overseas	75.00	+0.10	20
British Overseas	70.00	+0.15	10
British Overseas	65.00	+0.10	5

FINANCE, LAND-Continued

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Land	130.00	+0.25	100
British Land	125.00	+0.10	80
British Land	120.00	+0.15	70
British Land	115.00	+0.10	60
British Land	110.00	+0.15	50
British Land	105.00	+0.10	40
British Land	100.00	+0.15	30
British Land	95.00	+0.10	20
British Land	90.00	+0.15	10
British Land	85.00	+0.10	5

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**MINES-Continued**

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Overseas	110.00	+0.25	100
British Overseas	105.00	+0.10	80
British Overseas	100.00	+0.15	70
British Overseas	95.00	+0.10	60
British Overseas	90.00	+0.15	50
British Overseas	85.00	+0.10	40
British Overseas	80.00	+0.15	30
British Overseas	75.00	+0.10	20
British Overseas	70.00	+0.15	10
British Overseas	65.00	+0.10	5

**AUSTRALIAN**

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Overseas	110.00	+0.25	100
British Overseas	105.00	+0.10	80
British Overseas	100.00	+0.15	70
British Overseas	95.00	+0.10	60
British Overseas	90.00	+0.15	50
British Overseas	85.00	+0.10	40
British Overseas	80.00	+0.15	30
British Overseas	75.00	+0.10	20
British Overseas	70.00	+0.15	10
British Overseas	65.00	+0.10	5

**TINS**

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Overseas	110.00	+0.25	100
British Overseas	105.00	+0.10	80
British Overseas	100.00	+0.15	70
British Overseas	95.00	+0.10	60
British Overseas	90.00	+0.15	50
British Overseas	85.00	+0.10	40
British Overseas	80.00	+0.15	30
British Overseas	75.00	+0.10	20
British Overseas	70.00	+0.15	10
British Overseas	65.00	+0.10	5

**COPPER**

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Overseas	110.00	+0.25	100
British Overseas	105.00	+0.10	80
British Overseas	100.00	+0.15	70
British Overseas	95.00	+0.10	60
British Overseas	90.00	+0.15	50
British Overseas	85.00	+0.10	40
British Overseas	80.00	+0.15	30
British Overseas	75.00	+0.10	20
British Overseas	70.00	+0.15	10
British Overseas	65.00	+0.10	5

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Overseas	110.00	+0.25	100
British Overseas	105.00	+0.10	80
British Overseas	100.00	+0.15	70
British Overseas	95.00	+0.10	60
British Overseas	90.00	+0.15	50
British Overseas	85.00	+0.10	40
British Overseas	80.00	+0.15	30
British Overseas	75.00	+0.10	20
British Overseas	70.00	+0.15	10
British Overseas	65.00	+0.10	5

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**TEAS**

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Overseas	110.00	+0.25	100
British Overseas	105.00	+0.10	80
British Overseas	100.00	+0.15	70
British Overseas	95.00	+0.10	60
British Overseas	90.00	+0.15	50
British Overseas	85.00	+0.10	40
British Overseas	80.00	+0.15	30
British Overseas	75.00	+0.10	20
British Overseas	70.00	+0.15	10
British Overseas	65.00	+0.10	5

**MINES**

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Overseas	110.00	+0.25	100
British Overseas	105.00	+0.10	80
British Overseas	100.00	+0.15	70
British Overseas	95.00	+0.10	60
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British Overseas	70.00	+0.15	10
British Overseas	65.00	+0.10	5

**CENTRAL RAND**

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Overseas	110.00	+0.25	100
British Overseas	105.00	+0.10	80
British Overseas	100.00	+0.15	70
British Overseas	95.00	+0.10	60
British Overseas	90.00	+0.15	50
British Overseas	85.00	+0.10	40
British Overseas	80.00	+0.15	30
British Overseas	75.00	+0.10	20
British Overseas	70.00	+0.15	10
British Overseas	65.00	+0.10	5

**EASTERN RAND**

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Overseas	110.00	+0.25	100
British Overseas	105.00	+0.10	80
British Overseas	100.00	+0.15	70
British Overseas	95.00	+0.10	60
British Overseas	90.00	+0.15	50
British Overseas	85.00	+0.10	40
British Overseas	80.00	+0.15	30
British Overseas	75.00	+0.10	20
British Overseas	70.00	+0.15	10
British Overseas	65.00	+0.10	5

**FAR WEST RAND**

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Overseas	110.00	+0.25	100
British Overseas	105.00	+0.10	80
British Overseas	100.00	+0.15	70
British Overseas	95.00	+0.10	60
British Overseas	90.00	+0.15	50
British Overseas	85.00	+0.10	40
British Overseas	80.00	+0.15	30
British Overseas	75.00	+0.10	20
British Overseas	70.00	+0.15	10
British Overseas	65.00	+0.10	5

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Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Overseas	110.00	+0.25	100
British Overseas	105.00	+0.10	80
British Overseas	100.00	+0.15	70
British Overseas	95.00	+0.10	60
British Overseas	90.00	+0.15	50
British Overseas	85.00	+0.10	40
British Overseas	80.00	+0.15	30
British Overseas	75.00	+0.10	20
British Overseas	70.00	+0.15	10
British Overseas	65.00	+0.10	5

**FINANCE**

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Overseas	110.00	+0.25	100
British Overseas	105.00	+0.10	80
British Overseas	100.00	+0.15	70
British Overseas	95.00	+0.10	60
British Overseas	90.00	+0.15	50
British Overseas	85.00	+0.10	40
British Overseas	80.00	+0.15	30
British Overseas	75.00	+0.10	20
British Overseas	70.00	+0.15	10
British Overseas	65.00	+0.10	5

**DIAMOND AND PLATINUM**

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Overseas	110.00	+0.25	100
British Overseas	105.00	+0.10	80
British Overseas	100.00	+0.15	70
British Overseas	95.00	+0.10	60
British Overseas	90.00	+0.15	50
British Overseas	85.00	+0.10	40
British Overseas	80.00	+0.15	30
British Overseas	75.00	+0.10	20
British Overseas	70.00	+0.15	10
British Overseas	65.00	+0.10	5

**OPTIONS**

**3-month Call Rates**

Company	Price	Change	Volume
British Overseas	110.00	+0.25	100
British Overseas	105.00	+0.10	80
British Overseas	100.00	+0.15	70
British Overseas	95.00	+0.10	60
British Overseas	90.00	+0.15	50
British Overseas	85.00	+0.10	40
British Overseas	80.00	+0.15	30
British Overseas	75.00	+0.10	20
British Overseas	70.00	+0.15	10
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